



## DOUGLAS CULLINS

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**Areas of Practice:**  
Commercial & Business Litigation  
Medical Liability & Health Care

**Industries Served:**  
Medical Service Providers

Douglas Cullins joined Jones, Skelton & Hochuli in 2003 and became a partner in 2011. He practices in the areas of medical malpractice, nursing home and pharmacy defense, and commercial litigation.

### REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Obtained unanimous defense verdict in 8-day jury trial, where Plaintiff alleged medical malpractice and \$3-million in damages arising from a complex spinal reconstruction surgery. *Beckett v. Crandall*, November 2016. Maricopa County Superior Court.
- Achieved significant trial court and appellate victory in a \$3-million premises liability case where Plaintiff invoked the “mode-of-operation rule” and “*res ipsa loquitur*” doctrine. *Schafer v. Walgreen*, June 2018. Arizona Court of Appeals.

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- State Bar of Arizona, Member
- Arizona Association of Defense Counsel, Member

### PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants, 2021
- *Southwest Super Lawyers* Rising Stars, 2013

### PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

- “Taking the Bite Out of Damages: Recoverability, Legal Defenses and Current Trends,” presenter, 2014 JSH Annual Seminar: It’s All Fun and Games Until Someone Gets Hurt, November 2014
- “Medical Documentation From the Perspective of the Law,” co-presenter, Rehabilitation Integrated Networking Group, October 2013
- “Clinical Documentation: Legal and Ethical Obligations and Implications,” co-presenter, Southwest Behavioral Health, March 2013
- “Be Prepared for a Lawsuit: Advice From The Experts,” presenter, Arizona Assisted Living Facility Association’s Fall Conference, Phoenix, October 2011
- “Mental Health and the Law,” presenter, Southwest Behavioral Health, March 2010

### EDUCATION

Texas Tech University School of Law, J.D., 2003  
Arizona State University, B.A., History, *cum laude*, 1999

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Arizona, 2003