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EDUCATION

- New York University (LL.M., 1980)
- Fordham University (J.D., 1972)
- Hamilton College (B.A., 1968)

PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation
- Construction

Douglas A. Cooper has significant trial experience in both state and federal court and has argued appeals before the New York Court of Appeals and the U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals. He has led several high-profile matters for the firm, notably the landmark sale in 2005 of the private bus lines in New York City to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, which itself spawned federal and state litigation. He serves as an officer and director of a public REIT. Douglas has lectured extensively on the subject of crisis management.

Douglas serves as Of Counsel to Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, P.C. He is a member of the Litigation Department and the Construction Law Practice Group. Douglas serves as counsel and trusted advisor to many of the firm's key clients.

He was named a co-managing partner of the firm in 2002, a position he held until 2010 when he assumed the chair of the Litigation Department.

A member of the Chairman's Council of the New York Historical Society, he also is a member of the board of AF-PCFF (American Friends-Parents Circle Families Forum), which works to foster reconciliation among Israelis and Palestinians. Douglas graduated from Hamilton College, studied at the School of Political Studies at the Sorbonne in Paris, and received his J.D. Degree from Fordham Law School where he served on the *Urban Law Journal*. He also earned a master's degree in corporate law from NYU Law School.

Speeches and Publications

- “How to Reduce the Tension between Public Relations Professionals and Legal Experts Handling High Profile Corporate Crises,” Speech delivered at the Media Relations National Conference, Washington, D.C., May 2001.
- “CEO Must Weigh Legal and Public Relations Approaches,” Public Relations Journal, January 1992.

PUBLICATIONS

- RMF Litigators Obtain Reversal Of Denial Of Long-Term Disability Benefits (*Alerts, Commercial Litigation*)
- Foreigner Beware (*Articles, International Practice Group*)
- Seeking Lack-of-Marketability Discount With Minority Discount Poses Risks (NYLJ, Outside Counsel, March 15, 2011) (*Commercial Litigation*)
- Second Department Adopts New Rules on Lack of Marketability Discounts (NYLJ, Outside Counsel, Aug. 17, 2010) (*Commercial Litigation*)
- Closely Held Corporate Shares Require a Discount (NYLJ, Special Asset Valuation Section, April 19, 2010) (*Commercial Litigation*)
- Admissibility of Expert Testimony in Federal and State Court (*Commercial Litigation*)

- The Home Equity Theft Prevention Act; Another Pitfall in the Mortgage Foreclosure Process (Commercial Litigation)
- Fending Off the Predators: Regulating Delinquent Mortgage Modification Companies (Commercial Litigation)
- Caveat Emptor: A Risk of Buying at a Foreclosure Sale (Commercial Litigation)
- The Bar Association's Best Kept Secret (Commercial Litigation)
- Another Reason to Build Green (Suffolk Lawyer, October 2012) (Articles, Construction)
- Are You Ready for the Fair Play Act? (Nassau Lawyer, May 2011) (Articles, Construction)
- The Growth Of Green Building: New Laws Impact Construction Practices (Articles, Construction)
- The Rule Against Perpetuities Lives On (Alerts, Commercial Litigation)
- For Whom the Statute Tolls: CPLR (Commercial Litigation)