

## **DOUGLAS A. DATT**

Douglas A. Datt is an experienced trial attorney and counselor working on behalf of both businesses and individuals. Mr. Datt has received a Peer Review Rating of "AV®", the highest rating by Martindale-Hubbell regarding an attorney's legal ability and professional ethics, and is licensed to practice law in Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia and Georgia.

Mr. Datt began his legal career as an Assistant District Attorney in the Atlantic Judicial Circuit in Hinesville, Georgia. After gaining valuable trial experience prosecuting major felonies, he returned to Maryland in 1983 where he served as Assistant State's Attorney for Charles County, Maryland. Mr. Datt was responsible for prosecuting a variety of crimes including murder, rape, child abuse and theft-related offenses, among others. Mr. Datt then went into private practice, joining an insurance defense firm in Rockville, Maryland in 1985, where he practiced for seven years and became a partner. In 1992, he formed Gavett & Datt, P.C., which became Gavett, Datt & Barish, P.C. in September of 2012.

Mr. Datt's civil litigation practice includes advising clients and litigating in the areas of personal injury, construction defects and accidents, medical malpractice, worker's compensation and general tort defense litigation. Mr. Datt also represents individuals, corporations and businesses in matters ranging from collection, corporate formation, asset sales and purchases to employment-related issues.

During his career, he has represented clients in a variety of trials, mediations and/or arbitrations, involving disputes in the areas of personal injury, labor and employment, construction, business/commercial, workers' compensation, premises liability, insurance, and products liability cases.

Mr. Datt is experienced in providing mediation and arbitration services to individuals and companies. In a mediation setting, he provides Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) services, assisting attorneys, individuals, companies and other groups to work together to identify and resolve their conflicts in a collaborative effort to avoid and/or limit expensive litigation.

Mr. Datt has been selected to serve on mediation rosters in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Maryland and the District Court of Maryland's "Day of Trial" Program—both Large and Small Claims Docket.

### **Education**

Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer University, 1981, J.D.

Wake Forest University, 1978  
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