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DOUG HOWARD, BETTER KNOWN AS "MAD DOG" for his tenacious and often unconventional court manner, began practicing law in 1970. His first job, with his uncle Gordon Hyde, was in general practice where, he says, "I took everything that came in the door." During that time he also became involved in civil rights cases. By the late '70s, Howard began focusing on family law and personal injury cases. Since then, he has represented many of the highest profile names in divorce proceedings throughout the state of Louisiana. Now listed in *Louisiana Super Lawyers*®, he prefers to represent women in family disputes, because, "I like women. I like championing the underdog," he says, adding, "There are times when the man is the underdog." And of course, he will readily champion his cause.

Along with partner Shawn Reed, Howard has represented another underdog group by successfully taking on some of the country's largest corporations in asbestos litigation on behalf of 6,000 plaintiffs. Defendants include major corporations such as 3M, The Babcock and Wilcox Company, Dresser Industries, General Electric Inc., Ingersoll-Rand, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Owens Corning Fiberglass and Westinghouse.

In addition to a demanding law practice, Howard has devoted substantial time to the community, serving since 1999 on the board of trustees of the Nature Conservancy of Louisiana, which has helped preserve more than 300,000 acres of critical habitat. This organization has had an even more daunting task since destructive hurricanes ripped through the state.

Howard also formerly served on the New Orleans Aviation Board as vice chairman and chairman of the Legal Committee and Construction Committee during the airport's \$650 million program of capital improvements. He was instrumental in establishing the airport's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program to offer work opportunities to women and minority businesses.

He has spoken at numerous trial lawyer association seminars and taught family law trial practices at Loyola University School of Law.

Howard is passionate about the law, but he has a life outside the courtroom. He enjoys hunting, the outdoors and conservation. He is also an accomplished photographer and a collector of Southern regional art and artifacts.



D. DOUGLAS HOWARD JR.

He is a 1960 graduate of St. Martin's Episcopal High School, attended Centenary College and Tulane University, graduated from LSU and received his juris doctorate from Loyola University in 1969. He also served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

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