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Douglas Laird is the General Counsel for the Polsinelli law firm. He has held the position of the firm's ethics advisor and loss prevention partner since 1997. He was named the full-time General Counsel for the firm in 2007.

Before becoming part of firm management, Doug was primarily a products liability litigator working on automobile design safety issues for a group of manufacturers. He was retained by one manufacturer as national co-counsel in two separate types of pattern litigation. He represented defendants in crashworthiness and component defect cases in more than 40 states and in both state and federal courts. He also handled commercial litigation and death penalty defense in federal and state post-conviction cases.

As part of his current duties, Doug advises the firm and individual Polsinelli attorneys on ethics and loss prevention issues. The General Counsel's office at Polsinelli frequently acts as defense counsel for the firm in various matters. He often gives presentations at in-house and outside seminars on professionalism and loss prevention topics.

Education

- Drake University (J.D., 1980)
 - with honors; Drake Law Review, Associate Notes Editor; H.G. Cartwright Writing Award
- Buena Vista College (B.A., *cum laude*, 1975)

Bar Admissions

- Kansas, 1997
- Missouri, 1982

Memberships

- American Bar Association, Center for Professional Responsibility
- The Missouri Bar

Recognition

- AV Rated Martindale Hubbell
- Law Clerk, The Honorable Roy L. Stephenson, Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit