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Bar Admission

Ontario 1997

Law School

University of Victoria

Practices

Real Estate
Real Property Acquisitions & Dispositions
Leasing
Real Estate Financing
Real Property Development
Municipal Planning
Construction
REITs

Industries

Infrastructure
Banking & Financial Services
Pension Funds Group

Known for his experience and strategic insight, John provides clients with the resolutions to their most challenging transactions.

John is a partner in our Toronto office. Recognized for his in-depth market knowledge and seasoned expertise, he maintains a commercial real estate practice covering all aspects of real estate transactions, including large- and mid-scale secured financing, securitizations, construction contracts, asset management and development agreements, joint ventures, operating contracts, leasing, and licensing.

He's probably one of the best lawyers I've worked with around the world. He's very pragmatic, very thoughtful and exceptionally well respected amongst other law firms and banks.

— CLIENT, CHAMBERS CANADA

Widely considered to be a leader in his field, John acts for a broad range of clients in complex, large-scale transactions. Clients value his creativity, entrepreneurial approach, and ability to capitalize on opportunities and mitigate obstacles quickly and effectively. As the first call for clients requiring comprehensive guidance for sophisticated real estate matters, John leverages his decades of experience to negotiate, structure, and close deals on time and on budget.

Some of John's recent transactions include:

- Acted on behalf of Slate Asset Management in respect of \$1.14BN purchase of 97 property portfolio from Cominar REIT.
- Acted on behalf of purchaser of 50% interest in Bay Adelaide Centre East and West (C\$850MM) and related bond financing (C\$450MM).
- Acted on behalf of Royal Bank of Canada in respect of C\$250MM loans relating to RioCan-HBC Limited Partnership in respect of two properties leased to Hudson's Bay Company located in Montreal and Ottawa and related securitization.
- Act regularly for European lenders in respect of loans relating to office properties located in Canada.
- Acted for Slate Office REIT in respect of its sale of 25% undivided interest in six office properties located in the Greater Toronto Area and related financings.
- Acted for The Bank of Nova Scotia and lending syndicate in respect of C\$320MM credit facility to StorageVault Canada Inc. in respect of

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portfolio purchase.

He's a leading, if not the top, real estate financing lawyer in Canada.

— CHAMBERS CANADA

John earned his LLB from the University of Victoria and was called to the Ontario bar in 1997.

Awards & Rankings

Chambers Canada

Band 1: Real Estate - Nationwide Canada

Chambers Canada

Band 1: Real Estate - Ontario

The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory

Leading Lawyer: Asset securitization; Property development; and Project finance

Lexpert Special Edition – Finance and M&A - 2020

Leading Lawyer

The Legal 500 - Canada

Leading Lawyer: Real Estate

The Lexpert® American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada

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Best Lawyers in Canada

Leading lawyer in the area of real estate law

Best Lawyers in Canada - 2017

Lawyer of the Year - Real Estate Law

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PLC: Which Lawyer

Recommended Lawyer

Acritas Stars

"Stand-out lawyer"

Recent Experience

- **Auxly closes previously announced C\$84M credit facilities with BMO through its joint venture partner, Sunens Farms Inc.**
September 24, 2019
- **Slate Canadian Real Estate Opportunity Fund I closes C\$1.14B portfolio acquisition from Cominar REIT**
March 27, 2018