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### Admission au barreau

Ontario 1997

### Faculté de droit

University of Victoria

### Domaines de pratique

Droit immobilier

Acquisitions et aliénations immobilières

Baux commerciaux

Financement immobilier

Aménagement immobilier

Planification municipale

Construction

Fiducie de placement immobilier (FPI)

### Secteurs d'activité

Infrastructure

Droit bancaire et services financiers

Groupe Caisses de retraite

*Disponible en Anglais seulement*

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 and National Practice Group Leader of McCarthy Tétrault's Real Property & Planning Group. 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.

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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 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.

## Prix et distinctions

### Chambers Canada

Band 1: Real Estate - Ontario

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## The Legal 500 - Canada

Hall of Fame: Real Estate

## The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory

Leading Lawyer: Asset securitization; Property development; Project  
finance; Banking & Financial Institutions

## Lexpert Special Edition: Finance and M&A

Leading Lawyer

## Lexpert Special Edition: Infrastructure

Leading Lawyer

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

Leading Lawyer: Project Finance, Property Development

## 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

## PLC: Which Lawyer

Recommended Lawyer

## Acritas Stars

"Stand-out lawyer"

## Mandats récents

- Les propriétaires de Regency Retirement Resorts concluent la vente de leur portefeuille de résidences pour retraités autonomes situées dans la région de l'Okanagan

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## Publications récentes

- **Prohibition on Non-Canadians purchasing residential property – Potential unexpected commercial impacts**  
13 janvier 2023
- **Prohibition on Non-Canadians purchasing residential property – More potential unexpected commercial impacts**  
3 février 2023
- **Major Changes to Prohibition on Non-Canadians Acquiring Residential Property**  
28 mars 2023