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### education and year of call

- Called to the British Columbia bar - 1980
- University of British Columbia, LLB - 1979
- University of British Columbia, BA - 1975

### practice areas

project finance  
real estate financing  
secured lending and syndicated  
finance  
gaming and lottery  
environmental regulation  
financial services  
commercial real estate  
business law

### industries

commercial real estate  
banking  
insurance  
gaming and lottery  
mining

### profile

John practises real estate finance and banking law in the firm's Vancouver office. He has been a partner since 1987 and is the senior real estate finance and banking lawyer in the Vancouver office's Financial Services Group.

His expertise includes:

- Real Estate Finance: Acting for lenders and borrowers in debt financings of commercial, office, industrial and multi-tenant residential real estate properties.
- Real Estate Project Finance: Acting for lenders and borrowers in connection with project loans for real estate developments.
- CMHC Insured Loans: Representing lenders in connection with CMHC insured loans.
- Commercial Real Estate: Acting for corporations which own and operate income-producing real estate.
- Corporate and Commercial Credit Facilities: Acting for lenders and borrowers in all types of corporate and commercial credit facilities.
- Mine Finance: Acting for borrowers in connection with debt financing of mining companies and projects.
- Personal Property Security: Representing lenders and borrowers in financings secured by personal property and providing advice and opinions on personal property security matters including registrations, perfection, priority issues and realization procedures.
- Capital Markets: Acting for issuers and trustees in connection with issues of bonds, notes and other debt instruments.
- Workouts and Restructuring: Advising borrowers and lenders

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- on workouts and restructurings of existing credit facilities.
- New Products: Assisting lenders in the development of new products and programs.
- Environmental: Providing advice on environmental issues in connection with lending and debt financing transactions.
- Local Counsel: Acting as local British Columbia counsel in debt financing transactions involving assets or parties located in British Columbia.
- Multi-jurisdictional Transactions: Acting for lenders and borrowers in debt financings involving parties and assets in other Canadian provinces, the United States and other countries.
- Title Insurance: Providing advice to lenders and borrowers on title insurance and related issues.

## directorships and professional associations

- Canadian Bar Association, Banking Law Section
- Mortgage Investment Association of British Columbia
- B.C. Benchers Sub-Committee on Legal Opinions

## representative matters

John has acted for:

- Life insurance companies, banks and other institutional and private lenders in connection with billions of dollars of commercial mortgage financings and real estate project financings in British Columbia over the past 34 years.
- A gaming operator in connection with the issue of C\$450 million senior notes and a C\$350 million credit facility.
- A corporate group involved in the construction industry in connection with its corporate credit facility.
- Mining companies in connection with secured financings of mines in British Columbia, Yukon and Mexico.
- Mezzanine lenders in connection with credit facilities subordinate to senior lenders.

## awards and rankings

- Recognized by *Best Lawyers in Canada (2020)* as a leading lawyer in the areas of Asset-Based Lending and Banking & Finance Law
- Recognized by the *2019 Lexpert Guide to the US/Canada Cross-Border Lawyers* in Canada as a leading Canadian lawyer in cross-border practices
- Recognized in the *2019 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* as a Consistently Recommended lawyer in the area of

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## Banking & Financial Institutions

- Listed in *Best Lawyers in Canada (2019)* as a leading lawyer for Asset-Based Lending Practice and in the area of Banking and Finance Law
- Recognized in the *2018 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* as a Most Frequently Recommended lawyer in the area of Banking & Financial Institutions
- Listed in *Lexpert Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Corporate Lawyers in Canada 2018* as a leading lawyer in Canada
- Listed in *Best Lawyers in Canada (2018)* as a leading lawyer for Asset-Based Lending Practice and in the area of Banking and Finance Law
- Listed in *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2017* as a "Most Frequently Recommended" Banking & Financial Institutions lawyer
- Listed in the *Lexpert Special Edition - Global Mining* as a leading Canadian mining lawyer
- Listed in *2018 Lexpert®/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada 2018* as a leading Banking & Financial Institutions lawyer
- Listed in *Lexpert Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Corporate Lawyers in Canada 2017* as a leading Banking & Financial Institutions lawyer

## teaching engagements

- Continuing Legal Education Society of B.C.
- Canadian Bar Association Banking Law Subsection

## publications

### November 2017

"Opinions" of British Columbia Personal Property Security Act Practice Manual, Chapter 23  
Continuing Legal Education Society of B.C.

### 2015

"Mixed Real Estate and Personal Property Securities Interests"  
Continuing Legal Education of B.C., PPSA 2015