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Bar Admission: Ontario, 2005

### Areas of Expertise

- [Capital Markets](#)
- [Corporate Governance](#)
- [Environmental, Social and Governance \(ESG\)](#)
- [Infrastructure](#)
- [Mergers and Acquisitions](#)
- [Power and Utilities](#)
- [Private Equity](#)
- [REITs](#)
- [Risk Management and Crisis Response](#)
- [Shareholder Activism](#)
- [Transportation and Logistics](#)

John practices corporate and securities law, with a particular emphasis on corporate governance (including ESG-related matters) and mergers and acquisitions.

He is the Chair of Osler's ESG Practice, and a member of Osler's cross-disciplinary Risk Management and Crisis Response practice. He regularly advises companies and boards of directors on a range of corporate governance and ESG-related matters, including with respect to directors duties, D&O indemnification and insurance, stakeholder disputes, climate-related disclosure, crisis response strategies and other governance matters. John is also a Co-Author of Osler's leading annual reports on diversity disclosure practices in Canada.

John also acts on a range of domestic and cross-border mergers and acquisitions matters across a range of industries including infrastructure and power, franchise and distribution and retail. He also has extensive experience advising on complex joint venture, partnership and shareholder agreements and disputes.

John pursued his Ph.D. at the University of Cambridge, England where his research focused on the corporate governance of mixed ownership enterprises involving government blockholders. John is an avid sportsperson, having played competitive university golf while studying abroad at both St. Andrews, Scotland and Cambridge, where he won his full Blue.

## Awards and Recognition

- Recognized in Corporate and M&A (Notable Practitioner)

—IFLR 1000: THE GUIDE TO THE WORLD'S LEADING FINANCIAL LAW FIRMS

- Recognized in Corporate Governance Practice

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## Credentials

### Education

- University of Cambridge, LL.M. (First Class, W.M. Tapp Scholar)
  - University of Western Ontario, LL.B. (Gold Medallist)
  - Richard Ivey School of Business, H.B.A.
  - University of Western Ontario, B.A.
  - University of St. Andrews (St. Andrews, Scotland, Bobby Jones Scholar)
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### Languages

- English
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### Professional Affiliations

- Law Society of Ontario
- Ontario Bar Association
- Canadian Bar Association