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John has a comprehensive energy law practice covering a breadth of corporate, commercial and regulatory issues with a particular focus on Canadian electricity markets and infrastructure revitalization.

He is a Partner and National Co-leader, Energy and Power Group, encompassing the Power, Oil & Gas, Mining and Forestry sectors. His clients include Provincial and Territorial governments, system operators, regulated utilities, developers, investors, and lenders. He provides counsel concerning corporate, commercial and regulatory aspects of the electricity and natural gas industries and power project development for a variety of technologies, including:

- battery storage
- wind
- solar
- hydro-electric
- nuclear
- biomass/biogas
- tidal
- natural gas
- cogeneration (combined heat and power)
- district energy

John represents clients in proceedings before provincial regulatory agencies, primarily the Ontario Energy Board.

John also advises management and boards on ESG matters including corporate governance best practices, sustainability mandates and net-zero initiatives.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Investing in Canada's energy industry: A legal and regulatory guide", BLG Article, October 2026
- Author, "New Churchill Falls agreement: Key terms for Newfoundland and Labrador, Québec and Canadian power markets", BLG Article, September 2026
- Author, "Canadian Bar Association Environmental, Energy and Resources Law Editorial," September 2026
- Author, "Data centre regulation in Ontario", BLG Article, July 2026
- Author, "Data centres in Canada: Current state", BLG Article, July 2026
- Author, "IESO's Long-Term 2 RFP – Window 2: Key developments and emerging issues", BLG Article, June 2026
- Co-Author, "Navigating intermittency: how Canada is developing a reliable, resilient and secure electricity grid," International Bar Association, May 2026
- Author, "Ontario moves ahead on subsea Toronto Third Line", BLG Article, January 2026
- Author, "Electricity implications of the Canada-Alberta memorandum of understanding", BLG Article, December 2025
- Author, "Federal Budget 2025: Energy, infrastructure, and Indigenous funding initiatives", BLG Article, November 2025
- Author, "IESO's Long-Lead-Time RFP: What proponents need to know", BLG Article, November 2025
- Author, "Ontario approves construction of first-of-its-kind small modular reactor", BLG Article, June 2025
- Author, "OEB proposes incentive framework for third-party DERs with margin on payments", BLG Article, June 2025
- Author, "Ontario aims to overhaul regulatory requirements for critical infrastructure and mining projects under Bill 5", BLG Article, May 2025
- Author, "Canada's first deep geological repository site is selected", BLG Article, January 2025
- Author, "Canada's new Clean Electricity Regulations", BLG Article, January 2025
- Author, "Key takeaways from Ontario's Affordable Energy Act", BLG Article, December 2024
- Author, "Unpacking IESO's LT2 RFP: Key insights from recent engagements", BLG Article, December 2024
- Author, "Ontario Cyber Security Standard: Impact on licensed electricity transmitters and distributors", BLG Article, November 2024
- Author, "Offshore wind: Canada's future as a clean energy superpower", BLG Article, November 2024
- Author, "Power Law: Editorial November 2024," International Bar Association, November 2024
- Author, "Ontario measures to encourage private investment into electricity distribution utilities", BLG Article, October 2024
- Author, "Renewable virtual power purchase agreements and the clean energy landscape", BLG Article, October 2024
- Author, "Ontario launches large competitive energy procurement: Opportunities for renewables and next steps for LT2", BLG Article, September 2024
- Author, "IESO LT2 and MT2: What's new and what to expect", BLG Article, July 2024

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Renewable Energy Committee, The Foundation for Natural Resource and Energy Law
- Member, International Nuclear Law Association
- Officer (Communications), Power Law Committee, International Bar Association, 2025-current
- Chair, Natural Resources and Energy Law Section, Ontario Bar Association, 2022-2023
- Officer (Communications), National Energy, Environment and Resource Law Section (NEERLS), Canadian Bar Association, 2025-current
- Executive, Natural Resources and Energy Law Section, Ontario Bar Association
- Member, Law Society of Upper Canada
- Director, Energy Bar Association
- PD Officer, Canadian Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Board Member, Association of Power Producers of Ontario

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2027 edition (and since 2019) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Energy Regulatory Law; Energy Law).
- Recognized in the 2027 edition (and since 2019) of *Chambers Canada* (Energy - Provincial Regulatory (Nationwide - Canada)).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition of *The Legal 500* (Energy and Natural Resources (Power)).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2025) of *Chambers Global – The World's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Energy: Power (Regulatory)).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2019) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Energy (Electricity); Energy (Oil & Gas))
- Recognized in the 2026-2023 editions (and since 2019) of *Lexpert Special Edition - Canada's Leading Energy Lawyers*
- Recognized in the 2024 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Energy and Mining.*
- Recognized in the 2023 edition (and since 2022) of *Lexpert Special Edition: Infrastructure*
- Recognized in the 2022 edition (and since 2020) of *The Lexpert®/ROB Special Edition on Canada's Leading Infrastructure Lawyers.*
- Recognized as a 2017 *Lexpert*® Rising Star.

Bar Admission & Education

- Newfoundland and Labrador, 2025
- Ontario, 2008

- LLB, Osgoode Hall Law School, 2007
- MBA, Schulich School of Business, 2007
- BA.Sc. (Electrical Engineering), University of Waterloo, 2003

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