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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 Leader of Energy, Resources and Renewables Sector, 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

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- 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

Community Involvement

- Board Member, Association of Power Producers of Ontario

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2019) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Energy Regulatory Law; Energy Law).
- Recognized in the 2026 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 2025 edition of *Chambers Global – The World's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Energy: Power (Regulatory)).
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2019) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Energy (Electricity); Energy (Oil & Gas)).
- 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 in the 2025-2023 editions (and since 2019) of *Lexpert Special Edition - Canada's Leading Energy 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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