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John specializes in **corporate law** with an emphasis on **mergers and acquisitions** and **large scale infrastructure projects**

He advises clients on and participates in:

- public and private company mergers and acquisitions
- large scale infrastructure projects
- corporate finance transactions such as private placements and public financings
- corporate reorganizations and international joint ventures

John is also BLG's **Client Innovation Partner**. He works with clients and relationship partners to create innovative solutions and services that deliver greater value and efficiency. He is also a past member of the firm's Partnership Board and past National Practice Group Leader of the firm's Corporate Commercial Group.

Experience

- **NouvLR** in the procurement and construction of Montreal's Light Rail Train Project (Réseau Express Métropolitain).
- **Signature on the Saint-Laurent** in the procurement and construction of the New Champlain Bridge.
- **Independent Committee of Trustees of Medisys Health Income Fund** in the fund's going-private transaction.
- **Miranda Technologies Inc.**, on its initial public offering and secondary offering of securities.

- **SNC-Lavalin Inc.** in the sale of its facilities management business to Brookfield Global Integrated Solutions.
- **The Co-operators Group Limited** with its public acquisition of Addenda Capital Inc.
- **BMO Nesbitt Burns and CIBC World Markets** in the IPO of securities of Innergex Renewable Energy Inc.
- **The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador** in connection with its purchase of rights in an undersea fibre-optic network between Newfoundland and Nova Scotia.
- **MAAX Inc.** with its public auction and sale process.

Beyond our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Board of Directors, Institute of Corporate Directors (Québec Chapter)

Community Involvement

- Member, Board of Directors, Institute of Corporate Directors (Québec Chapter)
- Member, Board of Directors and President, Montréal General Hospital Corporation
- Past Chair, Board of Directors, Heritage Georgeville Inc.
- Past President, Canadian Club of Montréal
- Former Member, Management Committee, Institute of Corporate Directors (Québec Chapter)
- Former Member, Board of Directors and Treasurer, Montréal Indoor Tennis Club
- Former Member, Board of Directors, Hermitage Club (Magog, Québec)
- Former Member, Board of Directors, Weredale Foundation
- Former Member, Board of Governors, Lower Canada College
- Former President, Lower Canada College, Alumni Association
- Former Member, Board of Directors, Constance Lethbridge Rehabilitation Centre
- Former Member, Board of Directors and Vice-President, McGill Society of Montréal
- Former Member, Faculty Advisory Board, McGill University Faculty of Law

Bar Admission & Education

- Québec, 1989
- In-Depth Tax Course, Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, 1989-1992
- BCL/LLB, McGill University, 1988
- BBA, Ryerson University, 1984



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