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John is a partner at BLG in Montréal.

John is a dynamic business leader and has served as a strategic advisor to some of BLG's longstanding clients and promoted commitment to the community through his involvement with several boards and organizations.

He has spent his entire legal career at BLG as a leading lawyer with a successful practice advising a wide variety of clients in the construction industry or involved in major infrastructure projects.

Throughout that time, he has also held significant leadership positions within the firm, including as National Managing Partner and CEO (2018-2025) of BLG, as member of the Partnership Board, the National Management Committee and as the Managing Partner of the Montréal office.

Insights & Events

- Moderator of a panel discussion on the Energy Transition in Canada and the United States, annual meeting of the Canadian College of Construction Lawyers, May 2025
- Author, "ESG at BLG: Lessons learned from inside the ESG journey at Canada's law firm", BLG Article, April 2024
- Author, "Globalization - What's next?", BLG Article, July 2021

- Author, "Welcome to the new BLG.com", BLG Article, January 2020
- Program Coordinator of the CCCL Conference in Banff Alberta, May 31 – June 3, 2018
- "New risks for businesses," CTV Montreal , BLG Video, January 2017
- Author, “The Obligation to Cooperate in the Context of Construction Contracts in Québec”, Journal of the Canadian College of Construction Lawyers, 2015

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- President, Canadian College of Construction Lawyers, 2021-2022
- Fellow, Canadian College of Construction Lawyers, 2014-present
- Regional Managing Partner and Member, BLG National Management Committee, 2006-2017
- Regional Managing Partner and Chair, Regional Management Committee (Montréal Office), 2006-2017
- Member of the BLG’s Partnership Board, 2004-2014, 2018-2025 and Chair of BLG’s Partnership Board, 2006

Community Involvement

- President, Beaconsfield Golf Club, 2025-present
- Member of the Board and honourary secretary, Beaconsfield Golf Club, 2021-2025
- Honorary Chair, St. Patrick’s Society of Montreal Annual Charity Ball, 2025
- Member of the Board Pillars Trust Fund Inc., 2013-2021
- Member of the Board, Adaptive Sports Foundation, 2015-2019
- Member of the Board, 21CCC, 2015-2018
- Member of the Board, Catholic Action Montréal, 2016-2019
- Member of the Board, Sacred Heart School of Montréal, 2008-2016

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2027 edition (and since 2008) of *Best Lawyers in Canada* (Construction Law)
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2015) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Construction Law)
- Recognized in the 2026 (since 2020), 2018 and 2017 editions of *Benchmark Canada – The Definitive Guide to Canada’s Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys* as a Local Litigation Star: Québec and a Litigation Star: General Commercial, Product Liability
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2020) of *The Lexpert/ROB Special Edition on Canada’s Leading Infrastructure Lawyers*

Bar Admission & Education

- Québec, 1990

- Certificate, Harvard Law School Executive Program, 2020, Sector Leadership Master Class
- Certificate, Institute of Corporate Directors, 2013
- Certificate, Harvard Law School Executive Program, 2010, Leadership in Law Firms
- LLB, Université de Sherbrooke, 1989

- B.Comm, McGill University, 1986

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