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Bar Admission: Ontario, 2005

Areas of Expertise

Transportation and Logistics

REITs

Private Equity

Power and Utilities

Infrastructure

Shareholder Activism

Corporate Governance

Capital Markets

Mergers and Acquisitions

Risk Management and Crisis

Response

John is the Chair of Osler’s Corporate Governance practice and a member of the cross-disciplinary Risk Management and Crisis Response practice. His practice focuses on providing practical advice to clients on a broad range of corporate governance and securities law matters in both the public and private company context.

John regularly advises businesses and boards of directors on matters including shareholder activism, stakeholder disputes, crisis response strategies and complicated public disclosure. John also advises on complex joint venture, partnership and shareholder agreements and similar arrangements, including in the infrastructure space and with respect to First Nations partnerships.

He is also a recognized thought leader, and 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 first-team university golf while studying abroad at both the University of St. Andrews, Scotland, and Cambridge University, England, 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