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John represents a significant number of Canadian public companies in the financial services, technology, automotive, retail and utility sectors, and provides advice in connection with corporate governance matters, public company requirements, public and private company M&A, reorganizations, and private and public equity and debt financings. He also has significant experience in public/private-sector arrangements.

One of John's areas of specialization is executive compensation in which he advises a number of public companies and major executive compensation consulting firms.

Another is representing clients involved in Canada's gaming industry, such as commercial casino operators.

SELECT EXPERIENCE

John's recent experience includes:

- Acted for Power Financial Corporation on its C\$1.65-billion repurchase and cancellation of common shares pursuant to a substantial issuer bid and its tendering into Great-West Lifeco Inc.'s C\$2-billion substantial issuer bid, and Power Corporation of Canada on its C\$1.35-billion repurchase and cancellation of subordinate voting shares pursuant to a substantial issuer bid and its tendering of common shares into Power Financial Corporation's substantial issuer bid
- Advising Sagard Holdings and Fairfax Financial on their US\$575-million acquisition of the business of Performance Sports Group Ltd.
- Acting for IGM Financial Inc.'s subsidiary Mackenzie Investments on its acquisition of 13.9 per cent interest in China Asset Management Co., Ltd. for C\$647-million
- Representing Wescast Industries Inc. on its C\$200-million acquisition by Sichuan Bohong Industry Co., Ltd.
- Representing Genum Corporation on its C\$500-million acquisition by Semtech Corporation
- Engaged by Canadian securities regulators to prepare rules relating to registration and prospectus exemptions under the *Securities Act* (Ontario), including those for employee plans and dividend reinvestment plans, as well as insider reporting requirements

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

John is recognized as a leading lawyer in the following publications:

- *Chambers Canada: Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business 2020* (Gaming & Licensing)

- *The Best Lawyers in Canada 2018-2020* (Gaming)
- *Acritas Stars 2018: Independently Rated Lawyer* (Nominated as a stand-out lawyer by senior in-house counsel)
- *Chambers Canada 2018* (Gaming)
- *The Best Lawyers in Canada 2017* (Voted by his peers as one of the leading gaming lawyers in Canada)

PUBLICATIONS

[Co-author: Clawback Policies Gain More Ground in Canada](#)

Blakes Bulletin on Capital Markets, November 18, 2019.

[Co-author: U.S., U.K. Track How Employees' Salary Stacks Up Against CEO Pay: Is Canada Next Stop for CEO Pay Ratio Disclosure?](#)

Blakes Bulletin on Capital Markets, October 21, 2019.

[Co-author: Mandatory "Say-on-Pay" May Be on the Way in Canada](#)

Blakes Bulletin on Capital Markets, October 7, 2019.

[Co-author: 2019 Ontario Budget: Gaming Highlights](#)

Blakes Bulletin on Gaming, April 19, 2019.

[Co-author: Broad Changes to CBCA Proposed: Directors' Duties, Additional Disclosure and Annual Say-on-Pay](#)

Blakes Bulletin on Capital Markets, April 11, 2019.

[Co-author: Pay Transparency in Ontario Delayed... or Dead?](#)

Blakes Bulletin on Employment & Labour, November 16, 2018.

[Co-author: Second Time's a Charm: SCC Gives the Green Light to National Securities Regulator](#)

Blakes Bulletin on Capital Markets, November 12, 2018.

[Co-author: Director Independence Regime – Time for a Change?](#)

Blakes Bulletin on Corporate Governance, April 23, 2018.

[Co-author: Supreme Court Hearing Leaves Cooperative Capital Markets Regulatory System in Limbo](#)

Blakes Bulletin on Capital Markets, March 28, 2018.

[Co-author: Bill 101 Aims to Bring Mandatory Compensation Voting, Majority Voting and Diversity Disclosure to Ontario Companies](#)

Blakes Bulletin on Capital Markets, January 30, 2018.

[Co-author: TSX Adopts New Website, Equity Compensation Plan Disclosure Requirements](#)

Blakes Bulletin on Capital Markets, October 20, 2017.

[Co-author: National Securities Regulator on the Ropes? Quebec Court of Appeal Rules Proposed Cooperative System Unconstitutional](#)

Blakes Bulletin on Capital Markets, May 15, 2017.

[Co-author: TSX Amends Proposal for New Website and Equity Compensation Plan Disclosure](#)

Blakes Bulletin on Capital Markets, April 18, 2017.

[Co-author: Proposed Regulations for Revised CBCA Provide Structure to Changes Proposed in Bill C-25](#)

Blakes Bulletin on Capital Markets, January 30, 2017.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

John regularly writes and speaks on corporate governance and public company matters. He is also a member of the International Association of Gaming Advisors.

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EDUCATION

Admitted to the Ontario Bar - 1982

LL.B., University of Toronto - 1980

B.A., University of Toronto - 1976