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John is a special counsel in the [litigation and arbitration](#) team.

He is a trial lawyer and practices in the areas of complex trust and probate litigation in state and federal courts, both at the trial and appellate levels. Outside of the courtroom, John advises directors, officers, shareholders, investors, trustees and beneficiaries on corporate governance and fiduciary issues and conduct in an effort to minimize litigation risk.

John is recognized in the 2025 edition of Best Lawyers® for Commercial Litigation.

Talks

- 'Step-by-Step Guide to Drafting Wills and Trusts in Connecticut,' National Business Institute - September 8, 2023, speaker
- 'Trusts in Estate Administration,' Advance Estate Administration: A Connecticut Guide hosted by National Business Institute - February 28, 2023, speaker
- 'Inside the Entrepreneurial Mind of...!', Seaview Productions, New York, NY - February 2016
- 'The Eggshell Audit: Identifying and Handling Cracks in Client Returns', New York, New Haven, Greenwich - June 2014
- 'A Lawyer's Primer on Expert Witnesses: When to Use Them, How to Find Them and How to Effectively Use Them', CT Bar Association Seminar, New Britain, CT - May 2011

- *'Fraud in an Economic Downturn: Claims, Litigation and Trends'*, C5 Fraud, Asset Tracing & Recovery Conference, Geneva, Switzerland - March 2009

External publications

'Employers required to investigate Covid-19 illnesses', Withers Insight - June 1, 2020, author

'Temporary flexibility for I-9 review as US workforce in flux', Withers Insight - March 25, 2020, co-author

'The Producers', Private Asset Management magazine - April 2016

'Help Fledgling Fiduciaries Learn to Fly', Connecticut Law Tribune - March 2008, co-author

Admissions

State of Connecticut, 1998

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1998

State of New York, 2006

District of Connecticut

District of Massachusetts

Southern, Eastern, Northern, Western Districts of New York

Education

Brandeis University, cum laude, highest honors in Philosophy, B.A.

Suffolk University Law School, magna cum laude, J.D.

Languages

English

Memberships

Massachusetts Bar Association

Connecticut Bar Association

New York Bar Association

The Society of Trust and Estates Practitioners

Key dates

Year joined: 2005

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