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A former dean of Osgoode Hall Law School, John is known globally for his extensive research and creative teaching. He has specific expertise in restitution law, contract law, commercial law and information practices law. Before joining the faculty at Osgoode, John articled with a Toronto firm and served as a law clerk at the Supreme Court of Canada for Chief Justice Laskin.

Clients rely on John as an expert witness in Ontario law in cases in Canada, Europe and the U.S. He acts for clients at various levels of court in Ontario and at the Supreme Court of Canada. In addition, John has significant experience as an adjudicator in human rights and labour disputes and as an arbitrator in commercial disputes.

RECOGNITIONS

Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice—Justice Medal (2019)

Canadian Bar Association—Walter Owen Book Prize

Law Society of Ontario—Law Society Medal (2002)

Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General—David Walter Mundell Medal (Excellence in Legal Literature) (1990)

INSIGHTS

Citibank Gets Its Money Back Sept. 15, 2022

A One-in-a-Billion (-Dollar) Mistake

Mar. 23, 2021

(Un)Fettered Contractual Rights and Discretion

Mar. 03, 2021

Class Actions: Gambling on a Novel Cause of Action May Not Be a Winner July 29, 2020

EDUCATION

University of Toronto, LLB University of Western Ontario, BA (Philosophy)

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

American Law Institute's Restatement of the Law of Restitution and Unjust Enrichment 3d, Advisory Committee
Committee of Canadian Law Deans, former chair
Committee of Ontario Law Deans, former chair
Ontario Civil Justice Review, Committee on Fundamental Issues, former co-chair
Ontario Law Reform Commission, former chair

TEACHING ENGAGEMENTS

John is a professor of law at Osgoode Hall Law School. He was also the dean of Osgoode Hall Law School.