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PRACTICE AREAS

Commercial Litigation • Commercial Real Estate & Development • Construction
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BIOGRAPHY

John is a partner in the Halifax office of Cox & Palmer and practices in the area of commercial litigation and insurance defence. He routinely assists clients with all manner of contractual and property claims, such as shareholder disputes, construction litigation, adverse possession claims, expropriations, and tenancy disputes.

EXPERIENCE

John understands that his clients need efficient and effective representation to cost-effectively tackle their complex matters. That is why he focuses on providing strategic advice that is both timely and personalized. Clients also benefit from his past legal experience, which includes successfully appearing at all levels of Court in Nova Scotia. Some recent examples are:

- Obtaining over \$1 million in contractual damages – Weihai Taiwei Haiyang Aquatic Food Co. Ltd. v. Atlantic Sea Cucumber Ltd.
- Bringing summary judgment for over \$3 million in fraudulently converted funds – Millbrook First Nation v Dawn Ellis-Abbott et al.
- Upholding a commercial lease agreement on appeal – Pothier v. Parkland Fuel Corporation.
- Defending a national retailer in a slip and fall case – Ricketts v. Best Buy Canada Ltd.
- Obtaining security for costs against a claimant – Medjuck v. Medjuck.

John has also been involved in many successful mediations and commercial arbitrations.

In addition to practicing at Cox and Palmer, he is a part-time faculty member at Dalhousie's Schulich School of Law where he teaches the Corporate Securities Moot Team. He is also a member of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, the Advocates Society, and the Canadian Bar Association.

INDUSTRY RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- Recognized in the 2024 edition of The Best Lawyers™ in Canada for Corporate and Commercial Litigation.
- Recognized by the Canadian Legal Expert Directory as a leading practitioner in the areas of Corporate Commercial and Commercial Insurance litigation.
- 2022 Law Firm of the Year for Insurance Law by The Best Lawyers™ in Canada.
- Clinton Havey Law of Succession Prize - Received top mark in Law of Succession in graduating class (2015).

- STEP Canada Award - Received top mark in Law of Succession in 2014-2015 year (2015).
- BOYNECLARKE Award - Top Nova Scotian student in First Year law at the Dalhousie Law School.
- Schulich Law Scholarship – For academic excellence and community involvement.

LANGUAGES

- English

LAW SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- Canadian Bar Association
- Nova Scotia Barristers' Society

BAR ADMISSION

- Nova Scotia (2016)

LAW SCHOOL

- Dalhousie University Schulich School of Law

EDUCATION

- St. Francis Xavier University (BA Distinctions, 2012)
- Dalhousie University (JD, 2015)

PUBLICATIONS

- Renovictions Done Right
- Rent-to-own Agreement: Best Practices and Key Considerations
- Construction Contracts & Why You Should Have One
- Have Your Contracts Stood Up Against the Pandemic?
- Landlord Protection Against Frequent, Short-Term Sublets
- Preparing for the Builders' Lien and Prompt Payment Act
- Recent Changes Affect Parental and Maternity Leave in Atlantic Canada
- Employee Bonuses After Dismissal: When Are They Owed?

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Current member-at-large of CBA National Construction and Infrastructure Law Executive
- Current part-time faculty member at Dalhousie's Schulich School of Law – Corporate Securities Moot Team
- Current member of Cox & Palmer's Student Recruitment Committee
- Past President of Law Game Canada (2015)
- Past member of Dalhousie Law Dean Search Committee (2015)