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Practice is focused on corporate, commercial and real estate law with extensive experience representing major local and North American financial institutions, real estate developers, investors and agribusiness. John provides advice on acquisition, divestiture, land assembly, ownership structure, leasing and financing.

“Having the right people makes a difference.”

John has many years experience in providing advice on corporate governance, structure, re-organizations, mergers and shareholder disputes as well as extensive experience in not-for-profit corporations, foundations and trusts.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Business
 - Corporate and Commercial
 - Financial Services
- Real Estate
 - Commercial Real Estate
- Sector Specific
 - Not-For-Profit

LECTURES, SPEECHES AND PUBLICATIONS

- Former academic lecturer and now occasional lecturer and seminar presenter
- Speeches and seminars to professional and industry groups on various topics in business law and commercial real estate



Q&A

- Q: What gets me moving in the morning?**
A: The anticipation of closing deals and starting others.
- Q: When I'm not at work?**
A: I'm at the lake during fishing season.
- Q: Favorite quote?**
A: "Go fast, be good, have fun." - B. Miller

COMMUNITY

- Director, Officer and Fund-Raising Chair, Fish Futures Inc. – federally incorporated national award winning Not-For-Profit Sport and Conservation Organization
- Former Hospital Foundation Board Member, Chair Planned Giving Committee and special projects
- Participant in Not-For-Profit outdoor sport, civic, and charitable organizations
- Founder and Chair of the annual Fish Winnipeg Corporate Challenge, providing funds for youth-at-risk fishing programs, fishing camps and rods and reels for over 500 kids each summer



REPRESENTATIVE WORK

- Agent and counsel to Toronto law firms for acquisition and continuing credit facilities for a major North American retailer
- Acquisitions, Divestitures and Financing of large local Retail Centres, Apartment Complexes, Commercial Office Buildings including Winnipeg's largest office tower
- Developed corporate structure, governance processes, operational and approval procedures for an international Not For Profit organization with significant assets, and grant activity
- Ongoing legal advice to Landlords and on occasion national Tenants on leasing for retail chains, fast food chains, anchor tenants, franchise tenants, home improvement chains and off-price chains
- Agent and counsel to Toronto and New York law firms in securing substantial Manitoba assets under Security issued by an international industrial corporation
- Agent and counsel in securing substantial Manitoba assets in the restructuring secured debt of a national agribusiness corporation
- Counsel to the Winnipeg Blue Bombers Football Club during the inception and construction of IG Field (formerly Investors Group Field)
- Counsel to Valour FC member of the Canadian Premier League

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL

- Recognized as a leading practitioner by Lexpert® and repeatedly recommended in the annual Canadian Legal Lexpert® Survey
- Canadian Bar Association
- Manitoba Bar Association
- Admitted to the Bar Manitoba, 1974
- LL.B., University of Manitoba, 1973
- BA, University of Manitoba, 1970