



PRACTICE AREA

Leveraging years of counseling clients in real estate and landlord tenant litigation, fair housing matters and business law, John serves as a trusted advisor to businesses, real estate owners and management companies. John provides strategic, practical, and industry specific advice to clients negotiating or litigating through legal obstacles and difficulties- always with keen focus on cost benefit parameters. John’s clients include large and small property management industry partners, managers and owners of residential and commercial real estate, C-level officers of small and midsize corporations, and entrepreneurial individuals seeking cost-conscious and practical legal representation.

John is sought by businesses for representation and guidance on all matters involving real estate, leasing, construction disputes, landlord-tenant issues, fair housing training, investigations and litigation, mold and pest-infestation claims, business torts, discrimination claims, and business transactions involving real estate. He focuses on establishing industry-focused partnerships with individuals and organizations, advocating for his clients through cost-effective representation - including offensive litigation when necessary. His experience as a litigator spans most trial courts in New York, Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. Earlier in his career, John served as a special trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice.

A recognized authority on fair housing and landlord-tenant matters (commercial and residential), John lectures to local and national industry associations. The thrust of John’s programs are squarely focused on education and avoidance of claims through a practical analysis of applicable law and regulations coupled with real life examples to illustrate the applicable issues.

John recently completed seven years as the firm’s managing principal and remains a member of the firm’s board of directors.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-Author, Evaluating Assistance Animal Requests Under the FHA, LexisNexis Law360
- Co-author, The Fair Housing Act: Enforcement Actions, LexisNexis Practical Guidance
- Co-author, The Fair Housing Act: Prohibited Practices, Types of Claims, and Compliance Strategies, LexisNexis Practical Guidance

EDUCATION

- Georgetown University Law Center, LL.M. Taxation
- Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, J.D.
- Long Island University, B.A.

ADMISSIONS

- Virginia
- Maryland
- District of Columbia
- New York

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- Business Law and Transactions
- Business Litigation
- Community Association Law
- Fair Housing
- Landlord Representation

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- United States Bobsled & Skeleton Foundation, Board of Directors, Member - Two Terms