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Practice Areas

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New Jersey

John's practice focuses on complex litigation at the trial and appellate levels. He represents clients in a variety of matters in federal and state courts, including high-stakes commercial disputes, professional liability defense, and white collar litigation. As a member of the firm's Appellate Team, he has handled appeals involving a wide range of issues, from antitrust and intellectual property to constitutional and criminal law.

John brings a practical, results-oriented approach to his practice and is regularly called upon to help clients navigate some of their most complicated, sensitive challenges. In addition to representing clients in active litigation, he provides pre-litigation counseling and advises businesses and individuals on risk management and compliance issues. He also has significant experience representing clients in connection with government and internal investigations.

John is recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® for Commercial Litigation and has been included for several years on the *Benchmark Litigation* "40 & Under List" and the *New Jersey Super Lawyers Rising Stars* list. He was also named to the NJBIZ "Forty Under 40."

Prior to joining the firm, John served as a law clerk to the Honorable Joel A. Pisano of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Other Info About John

Experience

- Dismissal of antitrust and unfair competition claims obtained on behalf of a major supermarket chain; affirmed on appeal by the Third Circuit

- Summary judgment obtained on behalf of a prominent legal services provider in a professional negligence matter
- Successful appeal on behalf of an international law firm and its former partner, resulting in dismissal with prejudice of legal malpractice action
- Successful challenge to a longstanding state statute, resulting in a precedential Third Circuit opinion
- Successful defense of an international freight forwarder and eleven individuals in a lawsuit seeking nine-figure damages based on allegations of corporate raiding, trade secret misappropriation, and tortious interference
- Dismissal of RICO claims obtained on behalf of a major telecommunications services provider
- Representation of electric utilities and power generators in a successful challenge to the constitutionality of a New Jersey statute, following a 13-day trial in federal court; affirmed on appeal by the Third Circuit
- Summary judgment obtained on behalf of a New Jersey hospital in a dispute regarding the scope and enforceability of a lease provision
- Preliminary injunction obtained on behalf of a leading communications provider against a former employee and his new employer based on the threatened misappropriation of trade secrets and confidential information
- Dismissal of shareholder oppression complaint obtained on behalf of a global shipping company
- Application for injunctive relief defeated in an emergent action brought by a former employer seeking to enforce post-employment confidentiality, non-solicitation, and non-competition obligations
- Defense of various individuals in high-profile prosecutions involving allegations of fraud and violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act
- Successful Third Circuit appeal on behalf of a pro bono client in a court-appointed matter, resulting in the reinstatement of

constitutional claims

Education

The George Washington University Law School, J.D., with honors

- *The George Washington Law Review*
- Thurgood Marshall Scholar
- Writing Fellow
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Board

Villanova University, B.A., *magna cum laude*

- *Phi Kappa Phi* Honors Society

Clerkships

Law clerk to the Honorable Joel A. Pisano, United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, Trenton, NJ, 2011–2012

Courts

United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Recognition

Recognized by [Best Lawyers](#)®, 2026–2027 Editions: Commercial Litigation

Included on the *NJBIZ* “Forty Under 40” list, [2025](#)

Included on the [Benchmark Litigation](#) “40 & Under List,” 2024, 2025, 2026

Included on the [New Jersey Super Lawyers Rising Stars](#) list, Business Litigation

Professional Affiliations

Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey

Master, John C. Lifland American Inn of Court

New Jersey State Bar Association

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