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John advises governments, public and private companies and financial institutions on capital markets, mergers and acquisitions and corporate investigation matters (including FCPA). His work focuses on helping clients navigate sophisticated domestic and international corporate matters across multiple industries and jurisdictions.

With more than 37 years of experience, John's industry involvement includes entertainment, renewable energy, technology, manufacturing, mining and oil and gas, and he regularly works with clients operating in highly regulated and cross-border environments.

John is recognized as a leading lawyer in India, China, the Middle East and Australia. He also has significant experience representing clients on M&A and capital markets transactions in Europe including the UK, Italy, Ireland, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Scandinavia, Finland and Russia. John maintains a global practice and has advised clients in more than 50 countries across six continents. He has lived and practiced law in Dallas, Dubai, Hong Kong, London, Los Angeles, Melbourne, Singapore, and Sydney, giving him a practical understanding of international business and regulatory frameworks.

His experience includes advising on major privatizations in Europe and the United Kingdom, as well as more than 25 public-sector transactions in India. John has also advised on more than 250 transactions in India and has represented multinational companies, financial institutions, and government-related entities in cross-border corporate matters involving strategic acquisitions, capital markets offerings, and complex restructurings across a wide range of industries and jurisdictions.

Other Info About John

Education

University of Texas School of Law, J.D., *with honors*, Order of the Coif

Southern Methodist University, B.S., *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

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Recognition

Named one of "[**India's International Top Lawyers**](#)," *India Business Law Journal*, 2024, 2025 and 2026

Best Lawyers in America®, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2024, 2026

Deal of the Year, *India Business Law Journal*, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2016, 2023 and 2024

Recommended lawyer, M&A: middle-market (\$500m–\$999m), *The Legal 500*, 2020

Hot 40, *Australasian Legal Business*

Professional Affiliations

Treasurer, Entertainment, Art & Sports Law committee, Dallas Bar Association

CLE Coordinator, International committee, Dallas Bar Association

Major Publications

China–Hong Kong Connect – An Interconnected World," March 2016, *Bloomberg BNA World Securities Law Report*

"Can an Enforcement Standard be Discerned from the SFC's Case Against Moody's," November 10, 2015, *Law 360*

"Hong Kong's Role in China's Financial Reform – the Era of the 'New Normal'," September 2015, *The Banking Law Journal*. Also published

in the *Lexis Practice Advisor Journal*, Winter 2015/16

"Open Sesame? Not for now, Alibaba," May 12, 2014, *Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation*

"Shedding Light on China's Massive Shadow Banking Market – Regulations: For Better or Worse," January 2015, *The Banking Law Journal*

"Hong Kong's Role in China's Financial Reform – Punching Above Its Weight," November/December 2014, *The Banking Law Journal*

"China's First Onshore Corporate Bond Default and Its Implications for the Country's Debt Capital Market," April 2014, *Bloomberg BNA World Securities Law Report*

"U.S. Requires Care over Forward-looking Statements," 1998, *International Financial Law Review*

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