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John has practiced exclusively as a litigation lawyer since his call to the bar in Alberta in 1990 and in Ontario in 2002. He has a depth of experience in a wide variety of areas of law, including civil and criminal litigation, including employment and institutional harassment claims, aboriginal law, constitutional law and litigation, as well as bankruptcy

and insolvency matters, product liability actions, professional liability, and private international law (conflicts of law).

John has appeared in all levels of courts in Ontario and Alberta, as well as the Federal Court of Canada and the Supreme Court of Canada. He has also appeared and conducted litigation in the British Columbia Supreme Court, the Court of Queen's Bench of Saskatchewan, the Court of Queen's Bench of Manitoba, as well as before the Territorial Courts and the Superior Court of Quebec. In addition, he has conducted litigation before the United States District Court (Middle District of Florida), by special certificate. He has also appeared before numerous administrative tribunals in both Alberta and Ontario and he has extensive experience in commercial and private arbitrations.

John has been counsel on leading cases in numerous areas of the law, including *R. v. Stinchcombe* in the Supreme Court of Canada, *Currie v. McDonalds Corp.* in the Ontario Court of Appeal, *R. v. Trang* in the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench, the certification and settlement approval of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement covering all of Canada, the certification of the Day Scholars class action in the Federal Court of Canada, amongst others. He has also been counsel on several high profile cases – acting as counsel to Omar Khadr in his civil claims against the Federal government, and as counsel to four female RCMP officers who launched and settled their harassment claims against the RCMP in 2003