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John maintains a diverse practice that includes product liability, municipal and police liability, class actions and mental health law. He is interested in new and developing technology and innovation, including medical devices and autonomous vehicles.

John leverages his experience working within the in-house legal departments of two leading Ontario hospitals and his prior training as a social worker to craft creative, client-centred and practical solutions to areas of legal risk. His social work experience has proved effective in the defence and resolution of sensitive and complex claims.

He has appeared before the Superior Court of Justice and Divisional Court, and has acted as counsel in other venues for dispute resolution. In his mental health practice, John regularly appears before the Ontario Review Board representing the person in charge of hospitals.

John has a special interest in mentorship and contribution to the legal community. He serves as a mentor to law students and regularly contributes to articles and bulletins on emerging issues in industry and the law.

John joined BLG's Toronto office after summering and articling at the firm.

## Experience

- Assisted with defence and resolution of largest Canadian consumer class action on behalf of major automobile manufacturer.

- Co-counsel at trial for a police services board and individual defendants arising out of arrest and charging of plaintiff, with all claims dismissed at conclusion of trial.
- Sole counsel at Small Claims Court trial for a police services board and individual defendant, with all claims dismissed at conclusion of trial.

## Insights Rollup

- Auteur, « Culture shift in dismissal for delay motions – Delay alone is prejudice sufficient for dismissal », article de BLG, décembre 2024
- Auteur, « La Cour d’appel de l’Ontario précise l’applicabilité de la nouvelle loi sur les recours collectifs », article de BLG, mai 2024
- Auteur, « ONSC provides guidance on the analysis of superiority and predominance provisions in the Class Proceedings Act », article de BLG, novembre 2023
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- Auteur, « Certification denied for Takata air bag recall on basis that existing recalls preferable to proposed class action », article de BLG, octobre 2022
- Auteur, « Evidence of online complaints of limited utility on motion for certification », article de BLG, juillet 2021
- Responsabilité du fait du produit et actions collectives, points de vue de BLG, avril 2021
- Auteur, « Where is that feature featured: Addressing geographic product features and warnings », article de BLG, novembre 2020
- Auteur, « Rideshare class action by taxi operators against City of Toronto denied certification », article de BLG, octobre 2020
- Auteur, « Ending a Class Action – Recent Guidance on Consent Discontinuances in *Gradja v. Barrick Gold Corp* », article de BLG, octobre 2019
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- Speaker, “Procedural Developments in Litigation”, Municipal Liability Seminar, April 30, 2019
- Court of Appeal: Effect of Sex Offender Registries Legislation on Mentally Ill Accused is Unconstitutional
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- Sur le radar : véhicules autonomes et connectés : De parfaites cibles pour les actions collectives?, points de vue de BLG, décembre 2018
- Author, “Court Rejects Negotiated Class Counsel Fee as not “Anywhere Close to Reasonable”, Suggests Fee Should be Cut in Half,” October 2018
- Auteur, « Supreme Court of Canada Reinforces Reasonable Foreseeability of Harm as Critical Limiting Principle in the Law of Negligence », article de BLG, mai 2018
- Auteur, « Court of Appeal Affirms Police Owe No Private Law Duty of Care to Victims or Their Families », article de BLG, avril 2018
- Speaker, “Case Law Update”, Municipal Liability Seminar, April 19, 2018
- Auteur, « Senate Committee Calls For National Autonomous Vehicles Strategy in New Report », article de BLG, janvier 2018

- Auteur, « Proving Mental Injury - The Supreme Court Strikes Lower Courts' Requirement for a Recognized Psychiatric Illness but Confirms Injury Must be Serious and Prolonged », article de BLG, juin 2017
- Auteur, « UK Seeks to Legislate Liability For Autonomous Vehicles », article de BLG, mars 2017
- Auteur, « J.J. V. C.C.: Court Of Appeal Finds Garage And Car Dealership Owed Duty Of Care To Minor Who Stole Vehicle From Premise », article de BLG, novembre 2016

## Beyond our Walls

### Professional Involvement

- Member, Law Society of Upper Canada
- Member, Toronto Lawyers Association

## Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2016
- JD, Université Queen's, 2015
- MSW, Université de Toronto, 2012
- BA (Hons.), Université de Toronto, 2010

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