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Industries & Expertise

INDUSTRIES

Banking and Financial Services | Transactions & Leasing | Automotive | Real Estate

EXPERTISE

Corporate Law | Financial Services | Real Estate | Mergers & Acquisitions | Transactions & Leasing

Biography

BAR ADMISSION

Alberta, 1980

EDUCATION

- LL.B., University of Alberta, 1979
- B.Sc., University of Alberta, 1976

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

John Cross is recognized as a leading lawyer in real estate, banking and finance, commercial leasing and corporate law. His experience spans large property and financing projects, and includes acquisitions,

dispositions, land assemblies, land use agreements, leases, co-ownership and joint ventures and health and seniors care projects. He regularly acts for institutional and private commercial lenders, as well as borrowers. John consistently provides his business clients with proactive advice and strategic counsel.

John's deep knowledge is reinforced by his insightful contributions to the legal community. His publications and lecturing demonstrate his thought leadership and commitment to advancing legal knowledge in the areas of real estate and banking and finance law.

John is a senior member of the Law Society of Alberta and various other legal associations. He is the recipient of numerous industry awards and is consistently mentioned in industry publications. John's commitment to legal excellence and community service is evidenced through his awarded King's Counsel designation. In addition, he was the Managing Partner of the Edmonton office from 2003-2008.

Industry involvement

Recognition

- Lawyer of the Year, *The Best Lawyers in Canada* – Commercial Leasing Law, 2021
- *Best Lawyers in Canada*, Real Estate Law, 2013 – 2026; Corporate Law, 2015 – 2026; Banking and Finance Law, 2016 – 2026; Commercial Leasing Law, 2017 – 2026; Mergers and Acquisitions, 2026
- *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*, Banking & Financial Institutions, 2018; Property Leasing, 2020 – 2021, 2025
- King's Counsel (appointed Queen's Counsel in 2003)

Thought leadership

- The Land Use Licence – A Right Without an Interest (And Why That Matters), Real Estate Report, May 10, 2010

Community roles

- Director, Kids with Cancer Society of Northern Alberta
- Examiner, Legal Education Society of Alberta, Bar Admission Course
- Past Member, Grant MacEwan College Campus Development Committee
- Past Director, Grant MacEwan College Foundation
- Past Director, The Rainbow Society of Alberta

Memberships & affiliations

- Member, Law Society of Alberta

- Member, Canadian Bar Association, Real Estate Subsection, Business Law Subsection
- Past Member, Alberta Real Estate Association, Standard Forms Committee