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**PRACTICE AREAS**

**Business & Commercial  
Litigation**

**Directors & Officers  
Liability**

**Employment Litigation**

**Trademark Infringement,  
Trade Secret**

**Misappropriation & Unfair  
Competition Litigation**

John is a litigator focusing on business disputes, with an emphasis on fiduciary duty, contract, commercial torts, trade secret, trademark, and copyright matters. John has successfully prosecuted and defended actions to final judgment on behalf of both public and private entities, as well as individuals. While the goal is often to achieve resolution prior to litigation, John has extensive experience in state and federal court and in alternative dispute resolution. He has prevailed to verdict on bet-the-company cases in both court and arbitration. John has also prevailed on multiple post-award appeals. John's efforts have resulted in his clients affirmatively recovering tens of millions of dollars and incalculable savings in defense.

John's unique skill is his ability to reduce complicated matters into clear and concise presentations for both opposing counsel and, if needed, the judge and jury. While no two cases are alike, there are efficient principles that can be applied to every case to identify the core issues that control the decision-making process. Understanding the push-pull, and not simply working up the case, has led to great results in both high-profile matters and small stakes disputes. The majority of John's business comes from referrals from past clients and opposing counsel who have appreciated his work and approach.

John received his bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his juris doctor from the University of San Diego School of Law. John is active in the local San Diego community and takes pride in giving back to the community both through his legal representation and charitable efforts. He lives in the San Diego neighborhood of South Park with his wife, Charlene, and their two children, where he enjoys the local beer and avidly supports the Padres from near and the Tar Heels from afar.

**EDUCATION**

- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (B.A., 2005; Biology, Political Science)
- University of San Diego School of Law (J.D., 2009)
  - Managing Editor of the San Diego Journal of Climate & Energy Law

**MEMBERSHIPS**



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*Attorneys at Law*

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- Downtown San Diego Partnership
  - Downtown Planning and Public Policy Committee
- San Diego County Bar Association
- State Bar of California
- State Bar of North Carolina

## AWARDS

- Super Lawyer, 2019-2023, *Super Lawyers*
- San Diego Rising Stars 2016-2018, *Super Lawyers*
- Best of the Bar 2015 & 2017, *San Diego Business Journal*

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Board of Directors, Bosh Bosh, Inc., 2015-2017
- Board of Directors, Compassion It, 2014-2016