

# John McNair

Lawyer

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## John's Biography

Like many experienced litigators, John's practice has changed and grown significantly over the years. John was appointed a prosecutor at an early stage, allowing him to get courtroom training and trial experience within a few years of his call. In mid-career, John made the decision to work overseas, accepting a position as a Deputy Chief Prosecutor in Bosnia – Herzegovina. From 2004 until 2006 John headed a team of international prosecutors who conducted organized crime and corruption trials before the state-level court in Sarajevo.

From 2006 to 2007, John served as an international prosecutor with the United Kingdom's Provincial Reconstruction Team in Basra, Iraq, where he directed the investigation of police corruption cases in Basra province. While the justice sectors in these countries are very different from ours, John was struck by the importance of strong advocacy and trial skills in any system.

As John conducts his current practice in [commercial litigation](#) and [administrative law](#), he tries to bring those same hard-earned skills to bear for his clients.

John is an experienced mediator who also acts for individuals and companies in business and shareholder disputes, contract claims,

## Practice Areas

Administrative Law

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Commercial Litigation

Insurance Defence Law

Labour & Employment Law

## Education and Year of Call

Year of Call (1983)

M.Sc. (Government) London School of Economics (1982)

Bachelor of Laws, Western University Canada (1980)



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and commercial arbitrations. He also defends professional liability claims for lawyers as well as professional discipline matters before various regulatory bodies.

John has developed a wide practice involving external investigations of workplace complaints on behalf of municipalities, universities, school boards, non-profit organizations, and private employers in this region.

Through all of this work, John has remained proud of the lawyer's role as a forceful, partisan, determined advocate for his client's interests.

In December 2017, John completed a three-year term as managing partner of the firm. When not working, he spends a lot of time in the outdoors. John lives in a rural setting, though his livestock is limited to deer, rabbits, and wild turkeys he hunts and fishes as much as possible, often with one or both of his sons, and usually with a Lab in tow.

## Professional Associations

- Board of Directors, The Advocates' Society
- Canadian Bar Association
- Middlesex Law Association
- Law Society of Upper Canada

