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Leveraging years of counseling clients in real estate and landlord tenant litigation, fair housing matters and business law, John serves as a trusted advisor to businesses, real estate owners and management companies. John provides strategic, practical, and industry specific advice to clients negotiating or litigating through legal obstacles and difficulties— always with keen focus on cost benefit parameters. John's clients include large and small property management industry partners, managers and owners of residential and commercial real estate, C-level officers of small and midsize corporations, and entrepreneurial individuals seeking cost-conscious and practical legal representation.

John is sought by businesses for representation and guidance on all matters involving real estate, leasing, construction disputes, landlord-tenant issues, fair housing training, investigations and litigation, mold and pest-infestation claims, business torts, discrimination claims, and business transactions involving real estate. He focuses on establishing industry-focused partnerships with individuals and organizations, advocating for his clients through cost-effective representation - including offensive litigation when necessary. His experience as a litigator spans most trial courts in New York, Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. Earlier in his career, John served as a special trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice.

A recognized authority on fair housing and landlord-tenant matters (commercial and residential), John lectures to local and national industry associations. The thrust of John's programs are squarely focused on education and avoidance of claims through a practical analysis of applicable law and regulations coupled with real life examples to illustrate the applicable issues.

John recently completed seven years as the firm's managing principal and remains a member of the firm's board of directors.

Education

- George Washington University Law School (LL.M.)
 - Taxation

Services

- Business Law and Transactions
- Fair Housing

- Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center (J.D.)

State Bar Admissions

- Maryland
- District of Columbia
- New York

Professional Affiliations

- United States Bobsled & Skeleton Foundation, Board of Directors, Member - Two Terms

Publications & News

November 18, 2021

John Raftery and Gwendolyn Roy-Harrison Published in Law360 and Lexis Nexis Practical Guidance

Featured Works

Publications

- Co-Author, Evaluating Assistance Animal Requests Under the FHA, LexisNexis Law360
- Co-author, The Fair Housing Act: Enforcement Actions, LexisNexis Practical Guidance
- Co-author, The Fair Housing Act: Prohibited Practices, Types of Claims, and Compliance Strategies, LexisNexis Practical Guidance