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John offers detail-oriented, pragmatic, and creative representation to clients at all stages of the litigation process.

John helps clients - including small businesses, tribal entities, universities, and Fortune 500 Companies – navigate their complex litigation matters.

John maintains an active pro bono practice focused on civil rights, housing, and post-conviction litigation.

Prior to rejoining Dorsey, John served as a law clerk for the Honorable Joseph Bataillon on the District of Nebraska and the District of Delaware (by designation).

Select Experience

- *Harris v. UnitedHealth Grp., Inc. of Tex.*, No. 3:23-CV-02486-E, 2024 WL 2734974 (N.D. Tex. May. 28, 2024): Represented a Benefits Plan and Third-Party Administrator in an ERISA breach of fiduciary duty action challenging the sufficiency of a life insurance conversion notice. ERISA claim dismissed on the merits and state law claims dismissed on preemption grounds.
- Represented a wholesale energy distributor in consumer litigation arising from an extreme weather event. Claim voluntarily dismissed after successful pre-answer negotiations.
- Represented a healthcare entity in an internal investigation of a regulatory compliance matter.

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota

Clerkships

- United States District Court for the District of Nebraska, Joseph Bataillon, 2024–2025

Education

- University of Iowa College of Law (J.D., 2023)
 - Highest Distinction; Order of the Coif; Articles Editor, Iowa Law Review; Regional Moot Court Team, Outstanding Scholastic Achievement Award, Alan I. Widiss Faculty Scholar Award
- Carleton College (B.A., 2019)

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Volunteer Judge, The American Mock Trial Association
- Alumni Volunteer, Carleton College

Accolades

- Consistently providing pro bono legal assistance to those in need through Dorsey's Pro Bono program
- Dorsey & Whitney – Scales of Justice Team Award (Housing Discrimination Claim v. City of Minneapolis Team), 2025
- MSBA, North Star Lawyer, 2023-2025

Additional Information

- *Critical Race Theory in the Classroom: Iowa's Critical Race Theory Ban and the Limits of the First Amendment*, 27 J. Gender Race & Just. 137 (2024)
- *The Impact of the Inflation Reduction Act on Energy Justice and Green Energy Development in Indian Country*, 12 LSU J. Energy L. & Res. 1 (2024) (Cited in Cohen's Handbook of Federal Indian Law (2025 ed.))
- *Tribal Eminent Domain: Sovereignty Gaps and Policy Solutions*, 55 N.M. L. Rev. 37 (2025)