

# John A. Peters, Q.C.

## Counsel



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## Overview

John Peters commenced his career in Winnipeg as in-house counsel to a fully-integrated real estate development company, which was involved at the time in the syndication of real estate, both by public offerings and private placements. He also spent a year with a multi-national German law firm advising German businesses on investments in Canada. In 1984 he relocated to Calgary and worked with both a major Calgary firm and two national law firms prior to joining Dentons as counsel in 2015.

John is a highly respected senior practitioner in commercial real estate, development and corporate/commercial legal work. This includes a specialty in the formation of real estate syndicates, including joint ventures and limited partnership arrangements.

His clients are involved in real estate development, construction, the hospitality business, oilfield services and manufacturing. While at one time, he acted for a number of public corporations, his practice is currently focused on owner-managed businesses.

## Experience

- Represented real estate developer in a CA\$200 million loan transaction with a Canadian banking syndicate.
- Acted for manufacturer in a CA\$75 million investment by a private equity fund.
- Represented owners' syndicate in a major regional shopping centre development, including joint venture agreements, development agreements with the City, sales to major retailers and both construction and permanent financing.
- Counsel to oilfield equipment manufacturer in sale of business to a NYSE listed company.

## Recognition

- Recognized in *Acritas* as an Acritas Star <sup>TM</sup>(2018-2020)

- Recognized by *The Legal 500 Canada* in the area of Real Estate (2016)

## Insights

He is the author of a number of articles on matters of commercial law. In the past number of years he has written on the subject of structuring real estate ventures, conditions precedents in contracts, interest rates in mortgages and private placement rules under securities legislation.

- John A. Peters and Denise McMullen, "Joint Ownership of Real Estate Projects: Joint Venture or Partnership?", June 17, 2014
- John Peters and Mark McGinley, "Conditions Precedent – An Automatic Out?", December, 17 2013
- John Peters, Q.C. and Brianna Guenther, "Multiple Interest Rates in a Mortgage: Lawful or Not?", October 2012
- "New Private Placement Rules – Harmonization at Long Last", March 1, 2006

## Activities and Affiliations

### Community Involvement and Pro Bono

- Instructor, Corporate and Securities Law Bar Admission Course
- Authored articles on the subject of Canadian law for international investors

### Presentations

- Over the years, John has spoken at a number of conferences and seminars, most recently on the subject of commercial leases.

### Memberships

- Member, Law Society of Alberta
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Urban Development Institute

## Areas of focus

### Practices

- Commercial Development
- Corporate

## Education

- York University, Osgoode Hall Law School, 2003, Master of Laws in Securities Law
- Boston University, 1990, Master of Science in International Business Management (First Place Standing)
- University of Manitoba, 1978, Bachelor of Laws

- University of Manitoba, 1974, Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Economics

## Admissions and qualifications

- Alberta, 1983
- Manitoba, 1979
- Queen's Counsel, 2005

## Languages

- English
- French
- German
- Thai