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OVERVIEW

As the Co-Chair of the Firm's Business Litigation Practice Group, John's commercial litigation practice concentrates on trade secrets and the enforcement of restrictive covenants throughout the United States. John has been consistently recognized by *Best Lawyers of America* for Intellectual Property Litigation, including Lawyer of the Year in Columbus in 2022 and 2024.

His expertise has been quoted in top publications including Bloomberg, The Wall Street Journal, Wired, and Law360. John is also Chair of the American Intellectual Property Law Association's Trade Secret Law Committee and played an active role in supporting the Defend Trade Secrets Act, which The Wall Street Journal called the "most significant expansion" of federal IP law in 70 years.

EDUCATION

Vanderbilt Law School (J.D., 1989)

Associate Editor, Vanderbilt Law Review

John Carroll University (B.A., 1986, cum laude)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Ohio (1995)

New York (1990)

United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (2004)

United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio (1996)

United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio (2003)

United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (1990)

United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (1990)

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan (2014)

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

John's practice focuses on emergency litigation and trials regarding trade secrets, restrictive covenants, intellectual property and trademarks, preserving funds pending final judgment, and enforcing other commercial agreements.

John's representative experience includes:

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- Advising and representing departing employees for on boarding to new employers, including disputes over confidentiality obligations and restrictive covenants.
- Advising and representing financial firms, insurers, manufacturers, media companies, and software and technology firms in disputes over confidentiality agreements and restrictive covenants with former employees and business partners.
- Successfully represented employer at trial and through appeal to the Ohio Supreme Court to enforce IP ownership provision protecting employer's critical metal processing technology.
- Represented lender in extensive injunctive, bankruptcy and receivership proceedings that resulted in a judgment of more than \$10 million against the guarantors of loan.
- Represented financial institution in extensive injunctive, evidentiary and appellate proceedings that thwarted a white-collar fraud ring's attempts to convert \$18 million in bank assets.
- Represented securities firm in mass exodus of 42 financial analysts, sales representatives and other former employees who formed a competitor, in extensive state court injunctive proceedings and related arbitration proceedings.

PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- The Trade Secret Litigator Blog
- Fairly Competing Podcast
- *Protecting Trade Secrets in a World with No Noncompetes – Non-Disclosure, Return of Information and IP Assignment Provisions*, AIPLA Trade Secret Summit, Santa Clara, CA (March 2024)
- *Roundtable Discussion of Potential Changes/Improvements to the DTSA*, AIPLA Trade Secret Summit, Santa Clara, CA (March 2024)
- *Equitable Remedies in Trade Secret Litigation: Injunctions, Disgorgement and Royalties*, AIPLA Trade Secret Summit, Santa Clara, CA (March 2024)
- *Assault on Noncompetes: Update on FTC, NLRB and State Efforts to Bar or Curtail Noncompetes*, State Bar of Georgia, Atlanta, GA (March 2024)
- *Trade Secret and Restrictive Covenant Law Year in Review*, Ohio State Bar Association (January 2024)
- *Hot Topics in Trade Secrets Protection, Enforcement & Litigation Chicago Conference*, Union League Club, Chicago, IL (December 2023)
- *The Changing Shape of Trade Secret Trials: The Increasing Shift to Juries*, American Bar Association's Business Torts & Unfair Competition Section, Vol. 30, Issue 2 (April 2023)
- *Tips from the Trenches: Hot Issues and Best Practices in Trying a Trade Secrets Claim under the Defend Trade Secrets Act*, American Bar Association's Intellectual Property Law Section, Washington D.C. (April 2023)
- *The Changing Shape of Trade Secret Trials: The Increasing Shift to Juries*, Ohio State Bar Association (March 2023)
- *Tips from the Trenches: Hot Issues and Best Practices in Trying a Trade Secrets Claim under the Defend Trade Secrets Act*, American Bar Association's Corporate Counsel Section, Orlando, FL (February 2023)
- *Trade Secret and Restrictive Covenant Law Year in Review*, Ohio State Bar Association (December 2022)
- *The Changing Shape of Trade Secret Trials: What You Need to Know to Prepare and Try Today's Trade Secrets Case*, American Intellectual Property Law Association, Trade Secret Summit, Miami, FL (December 2022)
- *Exploring the Contours of What is a Trade Secret: A deep dive on confidential information vs. trade secrets, employee's general skill and knowledge vs. an employer's trade secrets, and their role in the enforcement of restrictive covenants*, American Intellectual Property Law Association, Trade Secret Summit, Miami, FL (December 2022)
- *One-Hour Noncompetes Crash Course: From Soup to Nuts*, Practical Law Institute (September 2022)
- *Protecting Your Business in the Midst of the Great Resignation While Noncompete Legislation Builds*, Practical Law Institute, New York, NY (September 2022)
- *It is 10:00 PM. Do You Know Where Your Company's Crown Jewels Are? Does Someone Else? Trade Secrets as an Information Asset*, Managing Electronic Records Conference, Indianapolis, IN (May 2022)

- *The Interplay of Trade Secret Protection and Ownership Invention Provisions*, Intellectual Property Owners Association, Trade Secrets Committee (March 2022)
- *Annual Review – Trade Secrets*, American Intellectual Property Law Association, Washington, D.C. (October 2021)
- *Level-Setting: A Crash Course in Noncompetes and Other Restrictive Covenants*, From Soup to Nuts, Practical Law Institute (September 2021)
- *Protecting Trade Secrets throughout the Employment Life Cycle*, The Sedona Conference, Trade Secrets Working Group (May 2021)
- *Trade Secret Roundtable on Developments and Emerging Issues*, NERA Economic Consulting (April 2021)
- *The State of Trade Secret Law in 2020: How the Defend Trade Secrets Act, State Restrict Covenant Legislation and the Federal Trade Commission Are Shaping the Law*, All Ohio Institute on Intellectual Property (October 2020)
- *Protecting Trade Secrets throughout the Employment Life Cycle*, The Sedona Conference, Trade Secrets Working Group (October 2020)
- *Arbitration and Jury Trials in Trade Secret Disputes*, American Intellectual Property Law Association, Trade Secret Summit (August 2020)
- *Advanced Issues in Noncompete Matters*, Practical Law Institute, San Francisco, CA (January 2020)
- *Protecting Trade Secrets throughout the Employment Life Cycle*, The Sedona Conference, Trade Secrets Working Group, Charlotte, NC (November 2019)
- *Legislative Roundtable on Trade Secret and Noncompete Law*, American Intellectual Property Law Association, Trade Secret Summit New York, NY (March 2019)
- *Protecting Trade Secrets in the Employment Life Cycle*, The Sedona Conference, Trade Secrets Working Group, Los Angeles, CA (November 2018)
- *The #MeToo Movement and Non-Disclosure Agreements*, American Inns of Court, Columbus, OH (May 2018)
- *Waymo v. Uber: Lessons Learned*, American Intellectual Property Law Association, Trade Secrets Summit, San Diego, CA (March 2018)
- *Identification of Trade Secrets*, The Sedona Conference, Trade Secrets Working Group, Scottsdale, AZ (December 2017)
- *Year in Review: Trade Secrets Law*, American Intellectual Property Law Association, Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (October 2017)
- *What Driverless Cars, Solar Panels and Tapping Robots Can Teach Us About Trade Secrets Law*, All Ohio Institute on Intellectual Property Conference, Cincinnati and Cleveland, OH (September 2017)
- *The Defend Trade Secrets Act After One Year: Its Impact on Trade Secret Law in the U.S. and Abroad*, Columbus Intellectual Property Law Association, Columbus, OH (June 2017)
- *The Defend Trade Secrets Act Update: A Primer on Key Passages and Recent Developments*, Business Law Conference, Ohio State Bar Association, Columbus, OH (May 2017)
- *The Defend Trade Secrets Act Update*: Columbus Intellectual Property Law Association, Columbus, OH (June 2017)
- *The Defend Trade Secrets Act: The First Year and Future Challenges*, 19th Annual Symposium on Intellectual Property Law and Policy, University of Akron (March 2017)
- *The Defend Trade Secrets Act: The Search for Uniformity and Understanding*, 2017 CLE International's Defend Trade Secrets Act Conference, Denver, CO (February 2017)
- *Learning About Competitors Lawfully: A Survey of Reverse Engineering Cases and Practical Tips*, Practising Law Institute, New York, NY (November 2016) and San Francisco, CA (December 2016)
- *The Defend Trade Secrets Act and Other Legal Developments in Trade Secret Law*, Columbus Intellectual Property Law Association, Columbus, OH (June 2016)
- *The Defend Trade Secrets Act: What You Need to Know*, American Intellectual Property Law Association, Webinar (May 2016)
- *Trade Secret Protection Best Practices: Hiring Competitors' Employees and Protecting the Company When Competitors Hire Yours*, American Bar Association, Webinar (March 2016)
- *An Update on the Defend Trade Secrets Act Legislation*, American Intellectual Property Law Association, La Quinta, CA (January 2016)
- *Litigating Trade Secrets Cases*, Ohio State Bar Association, Columbus, OH (September 2015)

- *Current Developments in Non-Competition Agreements*, Ohio State Bar Association, Columbus, OH (May 2014)
- *Criminal Enforcement of Trade Secrets*, Practising Law Institute, San Francisco, CA (February 2014)
- *Trade Secret Law Mid-Year Review: Greater Emphasis from the Obama Administration*, New Federal and State Legislation and Noteworthy Federal and State Cases, American Intellectual Property Law Association, Seattle, WA (May 2013)
- *Protecting and Maintaining Trade Secrets and Confidential Information in the Age of Social Media and Cloud Computing*, California State Bar Association, San Diego, CA (November 2012)
- *Trade Secrets: Another Big Year in Trade Secret and Non-Compete Law: A Recap of Major Decisions, Legislation and Trends in Ohio and Nationally in 2012*, Ohio State Bar Association, Columbus, OH (August 2012)
- *Drafting and Enforcing Covenants Not to Compete in the Present Economy: Noteworthy Legal Developments and Practical Pointers*, Ohio State Bar Association, Columbus, OH (May 2012)
- *The Penitent Litigant: Strategies for Dealing with Contempt, Discovery and Spoliation of Evidence Violations in Trade Secret Litigation*, American Intellectual Property Law Association, Washington, D.C. (October 2011)
- *Tips for Drafting Winning Intellectual Property Briefs*, Practising Law Institute, Webinar (2011)
- *Protecting Trade Secrets in the Post-WikiLeaks Era*, American Intellectual Property Law Association, San Francisco, CA (May 2011)
- *Trade Secrets and Non-Compete Boot Camp*, Ohio State Bar Association, Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus, OH (Summer 2010)
- *Litigating the Trade Secrets Case*, Columbus Intellectual Property Law Association, Columbus, OH (2010)
- *Protecting Trade Secrets in the Post-WikiLeaks Era*, Ohio State Bar Association, Cincinnati, Columbus and Cleveland, OH (Summers 2010 and 2011)
- *Trade Secrets v. Patent Protection: Which Protection is Best for Your IP?*, Columbus Intellectual Property Law Association, Columbus, OH (Spring 2009)
- *Litigating the Trade Secrets and Non-Compete Dispute in the Present Economy*, Ohio State Bar Association, Columbus, OH (Summer 2009)
- *Current Developments Regarding Non-Compete and Non-Disclosure Agreements in Ohio*, Ohio State Bar Association, Columbus, OH (May 2009)
- *Using Litigation to Protect Your Client's Trade Secrets*, Ohio State Bar Association, Columbus, OH (Summer 2008)
- *Speed Kills: The Use of Injunctions in Commercial Disputes*, Ohio State Bar Association, Columbus, OH (2006 and 2007)

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

2024 "Lawyer of the Year" for Litigation in Intellectual Property in Columbus, Ohio, Best Lawyers of America

2023 CEO Top Lawyer, Commercial Litigation

Recognized by *Who's Who Legal: IP 2023* for Trade Secrets in 2024

2022 *Lawyer of the Year for Litigation – Intellectual Property in Columbus, Ohio*, Best Lawyers of America

Best Lawyers of America (Litigation – Intellectual Property), 2018 to 2024

Ohio Super Lawyers, 2007 to 2021, 2023

Chair for Committee of the Year 2019, Professional Programs Committee, American Intellectual Property Association

Chair for Committee of the Year 2015, Trade Secret Law Committee, American Intellectual Property Association

Peer Review Rated AV in Martindale Hubbell

AFFILIATIONS AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

The Sedona Conference, Trade Secrets Working Group (2017 to present)

Trade Secret Law Committee, Chair and Vice Chair, American Intellectual Property Law Association (2012-2016)

Professional Programs Committee, Chair and Vice Chair, American Intellectual Property Law Association (2017 – 2020)

Chair, American Bar Association's TRO, Preliminary and Permanent Injunction Sub-Committee (2008)

Judicial Screening Committee, Columbus Bar Association (2012 to present)

Member, Ohio State Bar Association, Intellectual Property and Litigation Sections

United Way Central Ohio Big Brothers and Big Sisters (1995 -2005)

Central Ohio Alzheimer's Association

Jobs for Columbus Graduates (1995-2000)