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Education

- Indiana University School of Law, J.D.
 - Indiana International & Comparative Law Review, Associate Editor
- Temple University Law – Tokyo
- East China University of Political Science and Law, Certificate in Chinese Legal Studies
- Indiana University, B.A.
- Vincennes University, A.S.

Experience

A shareholder with Taylor Day, John currently serves as our president and managing partner. In his business litigation and complex torts practice he protects the interests of companies, management teams, business owners, and stakeholders in a diverse array of commercial and torts disputes. He litigates in State and Federal Court, as well as before arbitrators, in Florida.

The depth and breadth of John's litigation practice includes most types of business and commercial disputes ranging from breach of contract claims, shareholder disputes, corporate governance disputes, misappropriation of trade secrets, and UCC matters while his torts practice ranges from products defects cases, truck and auto accidents, defamation, and premises liability. He also handles disputes regarding real estate, wills & trusts, and title insurance along with construction defects litigation.

John currently serves as Vice Chair/Marketing Chair for ALFA International's Business Litigation Practice Group and was recently Chair for ALFA International's Business Litigation Seminar in September 2022. He is an active member of ALFA's Complex Torts & Products Liability Steering Committee. He has presented at several ALFA International Client seminars, Business Litigation seminars, and Complex Torts & Products Liability seminars. John previously served on ALFA's Board of Directors and as its Treasurer, as well as several other committees, and is one of Taylor Day's contact partners for ALFA International.

Admitted to Practice

- Florida
- Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

Practice Areas

- Business & Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law
- Real Property & Title Insurance
- Casualty & Tort

Professional Affiliations

- Federal Bar Association
- Jacksonville Bar Association
- Florida Bar Association

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Professional Affiliations (continued)

- ALFA International
 - Member, Board of Directors (October 2016 - October 2019)
 - Treasurer (October 2017 - October 2019)
 - Member, Steering Committee, Business Litigation Practice Group
 - Chairman, Business to Business Subcommittee, Business Litigation Practice Group
 - Chairman, Marketing Committee (January 2012 - December 2014)
- University of North Florida Division of Continuing Educations Dean's Council (2011 - 2014)
- Jacksonville Lean Consortium (2008 - 2013)
- Ability Housing of Northeast Florida, Board Member and President (2009 - 2014)

Honors & Awards

- Recognized for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* (2021 - 2023)
- Martindale-Hubbell, AV-Rated*
- Named one of North Florida's Top Lawyers by *904 Magazine* (2011 - 2012)
- Named among Florida "Legal Elites" by *Florida Trend Magazine* (2012 - 2022)

Publications

- Seminar Course Book Editor, *Successful Trekking Along the Precipice, Protecting Your Business Before During and After "Bet the Company" Litigation*, ALFA Business Litigation Practice Group Seminar, 2017
- *Ladders Or Ledges? The Roles of Insurers and Insured in Business Litigation*, for Seminar Course Book, for ALFA Business Litigation Practice Group Seminar 2017
- Contributor for Florida, ALFA International Compendia for Transportation, Products Liability, and Hospitality
- "A Critical Survey of The People's Republic of China New Company Law," *6 Ind. Int. & Com. Law Review*, 2, Spring, 1996

Speaking Engagements

- Hot Legal Issues in Dynamic Times, September 8-10, 2022, ALFA International's Business Litigation Seminar, The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, CO
- Best Legal and Business Practices When Developing or Acquiring a New Product, June 1-3, 2022, at ALFA International's Product Liability & Complex Torts Practice Group Seminar, Fairmont Grand Del Mar, San Diego, California
- Best Legal and Business Practices for New Product Ventures, It's A Brave New World, October 6-8, 2021, at ALFA International's Product Liability and Complex Torts Practice Group Seminar, The Fairmont Grand Del Mar, San Diego, California
- Hot Topics in Business Litigation (Speed Rounds), The World Turns & Business Litigation Marches On, August 18-21, 2021, at ALFA International's Business Litigation Practice Group Seminar, The Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- Managing Law Firms Through COVID-19, October 22, 2020, at ALFA International's Annual Business Meeting (via Zoom due to COVID-19), attendance approximately 200 individuals. Addressed financial benefits to ALFA members of the Managing Partners' group in addressing the Payroll Protection Program and personal restrictions arising from COVID-19
- Sharpening the Axe: Forging the Tools Needed to Optimize Your Response to the COVID-19 Disruptions (Webinar), April 14, 2020, part of ALFA International's COVID-19 webinar series, attendance 66

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Speaking Engagements (continued)

- Seeing Clearly: Pay Transparency and Closing the Gender Pay Gap, March 12, 2020 - March 14, 2020, at ALFA International's International Client Seminar 2020, J.W. Marriott, Marco Island, Miami, attendance approximately 90 individuals. Addressed legal and social means of addressing pay transparency and inequality for women worldwide with focus on the U.S., the U.K., the E.U., and South America by using women's soccer as case study
- Let's Make a Deal, February 28, 2019 - March 2, 2019, at ALFA International Client Seminar 2019, Ritz Carlton, Dana Point, California, attendance 180 individuals. Addressed discrete issues in private mergers and acquisition from the competing perspectives of corporate transactional attorneys compared to litigation counsel
- Beyond the Ropes Course: Fostering (Truly) Collaborative Relationships in a Competitive Market, at ALFA International Client Seminar 2018 addressing "Leaving It Better Than You Found It, How We Can Lead, Inspire and Improve in Business and Law", March 1 - 4, 2018, Fairmont Scottsdale Princess, Scottsdale, Arizona. Attendance 261 individuals
- Ladders Or Ledges? The Roles of Insurers and Insured in Business Litigation, at ALFA Business Litigation Practice Group Seminar addressing Successful Trekking Along the Precipice, Protecting Your Business Before During and After "Bet the Company" Litigation, Chicago, Illinois | September 14-15, 2017, London House, Chicago, Illinois
- Pre-trial Issues: From Prepping for Depositions to Limiting Evidence at Trial, Presenter Georgia Motor Trucking Association Seminar | September 11, 2015
- Managing the Scene: The Various Players Orchestrating the Accident Scene, Moderator Georgia Motor Trucking Association Seminar | September 11, 2015
- Avoiding Litigation and What it Means When You Can't Florida 8(a) Alliance webinar | October 25, 2012.
- Social Networking ALFA International's 2009 Annual Business Meeting

Representative Experience

- Represented Plaintiff multi-national corporation in winding up cargo airline business venture and lawsuit on personal guaranty.
- Defended India based IT limited liability company against \$1.75 million claims for breach of contract, fraud, aiding-and-abetting fraud, and aiding-and-abetting breach of fiduciary duty by NASDAQ listed corporation and limited liability company subsidiary as well as asserted counterclaim for \$250,000.
- Represented Plaintiffs business owner and related closely held companies in claims against its U.S. agent for self-dealing, fraud, FDUTPA, and contractual claims arising from embezzlement of \$1 million.
- Represented Plaintiff business owner in claims for breach of partnership agreement, fraud, and accounting regarding Canadian client's investment in Florida multi-family residential complex.
- Represented Plaintiff business owner in injunction action against commercial landlord to force lease assignment to purchaser of lessor's business.
- Represented Plaintiff company as seller in claims against purchaser of high-rise office tower resulting in recovery of \$3.5 million in government incentives as well as escrowed funds.
- Defended private lending consortium against claims of fraud, conspiracy, and violation of joint venture and successfully prosecuted counterclaim resulting in summary judgment for \$22 million plus, arising from \$14 million loan for property development.
- Defended structural steel manufacturing and engineering sub-contractor against claims in a \$39.8 million constructions defects lawsuit, as well as oversight of 19 associated personal injury lawsuits and a wrongful death lawsuit pending in separate jurisdictions arising from parking garage collapse and structural defects in associated high-rise condominium tower.

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Representative Experience (continued)

- Took over defense of insurer in civil contempt claims for \$47 million arising from breach of multiple Federal Court civil contempt orders in Longshoreman's Act in case actively litigated since 1982.
- Defended general contractor in \$40 million construction defects lawsuit involving 58 parties and resolved dispute short of scheduled 60-day jury trial (which presiding Judge identified in her application to become a Federal Judge as her most significant case).
- Defended Class 1 transportation company in multi-million arbitration and related federal lawsuit regarding a dispute with Florida transportation company arising from multiple contracts developed over 15 years plus business relationship.
- Defended founder and CEO of international technology company in dispute with Board, lenders, and certain other shareholders against claims of embezzlement, self-dealing, and breach of contract.
- Defended successful serial entrepreneur and management entity against statutory, contract, and self-dealing claims as well as an attempted receivership arising from high-rise real estate as well as prosecution of counterclaim for mandatory injunction.
- Defended 50% owner of technology business following accusations of embezzlement and self-dealing by another owner.
- Represented Plaintiff company in locomotive leasing company's claims against New York waste management companies for failure to fulfill contract terms and payment obligations.
- Defended local electric utilities against various serious injury and wrongful death lawsuits.
- Defended technology services company and its president against breach of contract, international misrepresentation, and fraud claims arising from merger and subsequent divestiture of another company.
- Represented Plaintiff company in failure to fulfill lease requirements and for lost profits in UCC based claims against NYSE listed company and its subsidiary.
- Defended numerous property development entities and personal guarantors in lawsuits instituted by commercial lending institutions.
- Defended and supervised defense of well over a 150 premises liability claims including slip/trip-and-fall, negligent retention and hiring, defective merchandise, products liability, falling merchandise, defamation, negligent security, and Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practice Act claims.

Publications

- 2022 Florida Section of ALFA International's Transportation Law Compendium
- Seminar Course Book Editor, Successful Trekking Along the Precipice, Protecting Your Business Before During and After "Bet the Company" Litigation, ALFA Business Litigation Practice Group Seminar, 2017
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