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OVERVIEW

Formerly general counsel and corporate secretary at the U.S. Department of Energy's Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab), John is uniquely positioned to help clients drive deep tech innovation, including in AI, quantum, and fusion energy.

John began his nearly 25-year career in private practice, where he focused on construction and government contracts litigation. He then developed leadership skills at a multinational public company as lead counsel for all aspects of domestic and international government contracting and compliance, including large government energy savings performance contracts. In 2015, he was recruited to be general counsel at Fermi Research Alliance, LLC, which manages and operates Fermilab, America's particle physics and accelerator laboratory, for the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Science. The multibillion-dollar facility drives development of advanced technologies for high-energy physics, trains the next generation of scientists, and commercializes innovations developed at the laboratory.

In 2024, John joined Husch Blackwell to help clients address global issues and transform lives through innovation while navigating the dynamic energy regulatory landscape. Organizations that develop, fund, and deliver advanced technologies benefit from his industry insights and relationships within the Department of Energy and the National Laboratories. John is particularly passionate about working with businesses and investors committed to making commercial fusion a reality.

Industry

Energy & Natural Resources

Services

Construction & Design
Energy Regulation
Government Contracts
Higher Education

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As a former GC, John brings the client perspective to every matter. Clients value his depth of experience, strategic perspective, sensitivity to the pressures facing in-house counsel, experience driving initiatives through boards of directors, ability to marshal limited resources, and talent for finding creative solutions to first-of-a-kind problems.

Experience

- Represented ATC in the submission of CPCN application, including all supporting witness testimony documentation.
- Represented ATC in the drafting and negotiation of the Grid Forward Joint Development Agreement and related project agreements.
- Represented ATC in drafting multiple briefs in support of the CPCN application.
- Represented Earthics and provide strategic guidance to this early-stage carbon capture company as it negotiated exclusive licenses with a French national laboratory and developed its corporate documents and governance.
- Represented Kohler providing strategic counsel on DOE-funded grant projects under the OECD program, helping to navigate the intersection of government contracts and energy development.
- Represent Agilyx in its development of three styrene recycling plants in the US, including all related project transaction documents providing strategic counseling to client and oversight of executing team.
- Provide strategic counsel and transactional support on general corporate matters of all types related to Agilyx day-to-day operations.
- Provide strategic counsel and oversight of executing team for IP and patent development for this startup developer of a novel battery technology.
- Provide strategic counsel and transactional support on general corporate matters of all types related to Ally's day-to-day operations, go-to-market strategy, sales, employment and other related early stage agreements.

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Experience

- Served as general counsel and corporate secretary to a multibillion-dollar Department of Energy national laboratory.
- Served as lead counsel supporting the development and construction of the multibillion-dollar Long-Baseline Neutrino Facility and Deep Under Neutrino Experiment, a first-of-its kind U.S.-hosted international mega-science experiment.
- Served as lead counsel for all aspects of public contracting and compliance for a $12 billion publicly traded company.
- Served as lead counsel for more than $4 billion in complex construction and fabrication contracts.
- Focused on large science and engineering projects in the energy sector including Energy Savings Performance Contracts (ESPCs).
- Developed and implemented corporate compliance programs for government contractors.
- Developed and led corporate centers of excellence for areas including global government contracts, enterprise insurance and risk management, and export/import control.

Recognition

- *The Legal 500 United States*
    - Government contracts, Recommended lawyer, 2025

Education

- J.D., University of Michigan Law School
- B.A., Oberlin College

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Admissions

- Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

Community Leadership

- Textile Arts Center of Madison, Chair

2025 Pro Bono Contributor

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