

John Russo

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Education

B.A., University of Toronto (1992)
J.D., Thomas M. Cooley Law School
(Michigan) (1996)

Called to the Ontario Bar, 1999

**Called to the New York State Bar,
1998**

**Called to the New Jersey State Bar,
1997**

Areas of Expertise: Commercial Litigation, Cross Border Services, Expropriation, Franchising, Insolvency & Corporate Restructuring, Remedies Group, Trademarks

Practice

John Russo is the Managing Partner of Pallett Valo. He is a Member of the Commercial Litigation and Insolvency & Corporate Restructuring Practices.

John has a broad and diverse commercial litigation practice, representing mid-size and large companies across a number of industry sectors, financial institutions, religious and charitable organizations. He regularly appears before the Superior Court of Justice and the Ontario Court of Appeal.

John has extensive experience representing clients in complex business litigation disputes, real estate litigation, commercial tenancy disputes, defamation, product liability, expropriation, shareholder disputes, contractual disputes, creditor remedies, PPSA security disputes, asset recovery, enforcement of security and provincial offences and regulatory matters. He was recently featured in the Mississauga News for his work in advising clients on expropriation matters relating to the Hurontario LRT.

In his current role as Managing Partner, John is responsible for guiding the firm's Canadian and international strategies while championing the firm's core beliefs and philosophy. Through his leadership, he strives to incorporate the firm's values of Excellence, Integrity and Respect in everyday operations and believes that the firm's success is measured through the success of our clients. John believes the best way to serve clients is to understand their industry and business environment and align them with the right expertise, experience and value.

Memberships

- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, The Advocates' Society
- Member, Peel Law Association
- Member, Ontario Expropriation Association
- Member, Canadian Finance & Leasing Association
- Past Chair, Board of Directors for the United Way of Peel Region

Publications

- Ontario Superior Court Applies New Non-Enforcement Provisions in the Commercial Tenancies Act – January 2021
- Ontario Government Enacts Legislation to Protect Commercial Tenants Amid Shutdowns – January 2021
- Change breeds opportunity: Ontario's top regional firms 2019-2020 – March 2019
- New Managing Partner – October 2017
- New leadership for Pallett Valo – October 2017
- Property Expropriation Underway for Hurontario LRT – May 2017

Videos

- To Sue Or To Settle? – November 2010

Other Publications and Presentations

- “What Should I look for in a Disclosure Document”, Franchise Canada Magazine – December 2008
- “Enforcing Judgements Quickly and Effectively”, Lumbermen’s & Mercantile Credit Bureau – June 2016
- “The Impact of an Insolvent Landlord or Tenant”, The Law Society of Upper Canada – February 2012
- “Credit Applications and Contracts”, 2008 Annual Lumbermen’s Credit Conference – January 2008
- “Trial Preparation & Evidence Issues”, The Institute of Law Clerks of Ontario – June 2007
- “Enforcing Judgements Quickly and Effectively”, Law Society of Upper Canada – March 2005

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