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“A great strategist.” – Client Testimonial, Chambers Canada

John Vettese* is a corporate finance and M&A lawyer practising in the [Securities Group](#) and serves as the firm's Executive Chair. He has acted as lead counsel for a number of public clients and investment dealers involved in complex and innovative securities matters. John's practice is focused in the mining, income trusts, technology and diversified industries sectors, and he has acted as lead counsel on several M&A transactions.

John has significant experience advising emerging and mid-market companies navigating their way through the public markets for the first time. His strong understanding of the commercial objectives of a transaction, together with his practical approach, are frequently relied upon by companies that require more than just legal advice when facing such critical decisions as structuring a going-public transaction, choosing and structuring a business relationship with an underwriter, constructing a management team and board of directors and developing an overall approach to matters of executive compensation and corporate governance.

He has also developed an expertise in the area of cross-border initial public offerings by US emerging and mid-market issuers seeking listings on Canadian stock exchanges.

John is recognized as a leading lawyer by *Chambers Global*, *Chambers Canada*, *Best Lawyers*, the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*, the *Lexpert Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Corporate Lawyers in Canada* and the *Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada*. At the age of 36, John became the youngest member appointed to the firm's Executive Committee and is a past Chair of the Securities Group.

client commentary

- “A prolific guy.” – *Chambers Canada* (Mining)
- “A great strategist.” – *Chambers Canada* (Mining)

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Achievements



- *Chambers Canada* 2016–2019 (Energy & Natural Resources: Mining)
- *Chambers Global* 2016–2019 (Energy & Natural Resources: Mining)
- *Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada* 2014–2015 (Mining)
- *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* 2011–2019 (Corporate Finance & Securities; Mining)
- *Lexpert Special Edition - Global Leaders in Mining* 2017
- *The Best Lawyers in Canada* 2010–2020 (Mining; Natural Resources)
- *Lexpert Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Corporate Lawyers in Canada* 2012, 2014–2015 & 2017 (Mining)
- The 2007 *Lexpert Rising Stars: 'Leading Lawyers Under 40'*

Call to the bar

Ontario, 1995

Associations

- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association

Expertise

Mergers & Acquisitions

Mining

Securities