



## John M. Mercury

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### EDUCATION

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Northwestern University, BA, 1990,  
summa cum laude (Economics)

Yale University, MA, 1995 (Finance)

University of Toronto, LLB, 1996, dean's  
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### BAR ADMISSIONS

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Ontario, 1998

New York, 1999

Alberta, 2007

John Mercury is Executive Chair and Chair of the Board of Bennett Jones. As Chair, John has overall responsibility for the direction, management and financial performance of the firm, with a focus on its strategic plan, market and industry initiatives, and client relationships.

In his practice, John was formerly the head of the firm's private equity practice and has been recognized as one of Canada's leading M&A lawyers with a significant focus on cross-border transactions. He will continue to practice and serve clients in his new role.

John joined Bennett Jones after spending nearly a decade in New York, where he practised corporate and U.S. tax law with a leading New York-based law firm and where he worked as an investment banker with Merrill Lynch in its M&A group. In these roles, John provided legal and financial advice to a broad range of U.S., Canadian and foreign companies, primarily in the fields of mergers and acquisitions, private equity transactions, debt and equity financings and corporate governance matters.

John serves on a number of corporate and not-for-profit boards. He is also a member of the American Bar Association and the New York City Bar.