



John P. Vettese

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Expertise

- Securities
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Mining
- Private Equity

Biography

John Vettese* is a Senior Strategic Advisor at Cassels. He has acted as lead counsel for public clients and investment dealers involved in complex and innovative securities matters. His 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 developing an overall approach to matters of executive compensation and corporate governance.

He has also developed an expertise in 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*.

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Achievements

- *Best Lawyers in Canada* (Mining, Natural Resources)
- *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Mining)
- *Chambers Global* (Mining)
- *IFLR1000* (Corporate & M&A, Capital Markets)
- *Lexpert Special Edition*, Global Leaders in Mining
- *Lexpert*, Rising Stars Award (2007)

Client Commentary

Cassels

- “Always calm and caring about the business goals, beyond just the legal view.” – *Chambers Canada (Cannabis)*
- “A prolific guy.” – *Chambers Canada (Mining)*
- “A great strategist.” – *Chambers Canada (Mining)*

Insights

- LCBO to Control Retail and Online Cannabis Sales in Ontario

Education / Bar Admissions

- LL.B., Osgoode Hall Law School, 1993
- Ontario, 1995

Associations

- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association