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Overview

John Russell's varied practice includes representing small and large clients in [corporate and business law](#) matters, mergers and acquisitions, commercial real estate transactions, loan transactions, [land use](#) and zoning matters, commercial and [public finance](#), and [tax law](#). His tax credentials include advanced training at Boston University School of Law, where he earned an LL.M. in tax law.

His training also includes study at the U.K. Inns of Court School of Law, work for a London barrister, additional study at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia, and service as a research assistant for a recent publication on Rhode Island civil and appellate procedure.

John is able to provide his clients with sensitive and knowledgeable representation while working to remove obstacles and get the deal done in an efficient manner.

Experience

- John helped a U.K.-based multinational—a London Stock Exchange-listed company with annual sales over \$3 billion—in its \$90 million acquisition of assets of a 110-year-old Massachusetts-based competitor and the shares of its Hong Kong, China and U.S. Virgin Islands subsidiaries.
- He assisted in representing a private equity-owned global manufacturer and marketer of highly engineered precious- and base-metal fabricated parts, with operating subsidiaries in several U.S. states and in Mexico and China, in its acquisition of the assets of a privately-held, Rhode Island-based electrical-contacts business.
- Assisted client with its acquisition from a major international oil company of approximately 100 motor fuel stations in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Credentials

Practices

- [Litigation](#)
 - [Land Use](#)
- [Maritime Law](#)

- [Business & Corporate](#)
 - [Mergers & Acquisitions](#)
 - [Commercial Finance](#)
 - [Public Finance](#)
 - [Venture Capital](#)
- [Tax](#)
- [Real Estate](#)
- [Hospitality](#)

Education

- Roger Williams University School of Law (J.D., 2005)
- Boston University School of Law (LL.M., 2006)
- Gettysburg College (B.A., 2000)

Admissions

- Rhode Island
- Connecticut
- Massachusetts

Honors

- Legal 500, US Elite: New England, 2026, Corporate M&A.
- Selected by his peers for inclusion in the 2022 – 2026 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the field of Corporate Law and Real Estate Law.
- Recognized in the *Chambers USA America's Leading Business Lawyers* in Real Estate Law.
- Professional Excellence in the Law, Business Law, *Rhode Island Monthly* 2019 – 2025.
- Named Rhode Island *Rising Star* by the publishers of *Super Lawyers*, 2012 – 2017.

Professional Affiliations

- Member, Rhode Island Bar Association.
- Member, Massachusetts Bar Association.
- Member, Connecticut Bar Association.
- Member, American Bar Association.

In The Community

- Board Member, F.C. Stars of Massachusetts.
- Board Member, Rose Island Lighthouse and Fort Hamilton Trust.
- Board Member, Angels Giving Back.
- Member, Leadership Rhode Island Lambda II Class 2015.

