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education

Case Western Reserve University

School of Law (J.D.), 1991

John Carroll University (B.A.), 1988

services

Real Estate

Real Estate Finance

Construction

Public & Structured Finance

Environmental & Renewable Energy

Tax Services

Appellate & Legal Issues

Business Litigation

Hospitality

Middle Market

Venture Capital

Private Equity

John Slagter chairs the Tucker Ellis Business Department.

John is passionate about real estate and development. For more than 25 years, he has practiced in all facets of real estate, including acquisition, disposition, leasing, finance, construction, eminent domain, and real property tax. Notably, John devotes a significant part of his practice to land use and zoning, where he delivers unparalleled solutions in protecting and advancing property rights. His industry experience includes commercial, office, retail, industrial, and residential real estate.

John also provides valuable insight to public companies, middle market businesses, and private equity and venture capital clients. He draws on his years of experience as a successful business manager and leader in providing strategic business advisory counsel.

John skillfully identifies solutions to clients' most difficult business issues and guides them through their toughest decisions. He takes the time to understand clients' business objectives, as well as anticipate unforeseen issues that may negatively affect the health of a business.

state admissions

- Ohio (1991)

federal admissions

- United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio

publications & events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Eminent Domain/Just Compensation Issues for Infrastructure Takings," Moderator, 42nd Annual Real Estate Law Institute, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (November 2020)
- "The Art of Persuasion," Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Cleveland, Ohio (December 2019, December 2018)
- "Tips from the Bench for Real Estate Lawyers," Moderator, 41st Annual Real Estate Law Institute 2019, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Cleveland, Ohio (November 2019)
- "Fighting City Hall: Legal Strategies for Project Approval," ICSC U.S. Law Conference, San Diego, California (October 2019)
- "Land Use, Takings and Zoning Law," Advanced Commercial Real Estate Seminar, Ohio State Bar Association, Columbus, Ohio (October 2019)
- "Pay Less Taxes – Preserving Your Property Rights," Tucker Ellis Commercial & Industrial Property Real Estate Forum, Cleveland, Ohio (September 2019)
- "Leadership Development," Moderator and Presenter, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Cleveland, Ohio (2018)
- "Land Use Law," International Council of Shopping Centers National Law Conference, Orlando, Florida (2018)
- "Law Firm Profitability," panelist, Thomson Reuters Legal Executive Institute, Cleveland, Ohio (2017)
- "World War Z: Surviving the Zoning Apocalypse," Old Republic Land Title Seminar, Columbus, Ohio (2016)

PUBLICATIONS

- "Spring Cleaning Your Ohio Property Tax Liability," Tucker Ellis Client Alert (February 2020)
- "5 Techniques to Master the Craft of Effective Communication," *Crain's Cleveland Business* (July 2017)
- "The Art of the 'Short-Term Deal' – Negotiate Like Trump," *Properties* (June 2016)
- "Ohio Supreme Court Protects Property Rights When Zoning Laws Change," *Properties* (April 2014)

MEDIA QUOTES

- "Commercial Foreclosure Activity Is Picking Up," *Crain's Cleveland Business* (January 2015)

honors

- Ohio Super Lawyers® (2004-2020)
 - Top 100 Ohio Super Lawyers (2012, 2015, 2016)
 - Top 50 Cleveland Super Lawyers (2012, 2015, 2016)
- The Best Lawyers in America© (2007-2021)
 - 2020 Cleveland Lawyer of the Year (Land Use and Zoning Law)
 - 2017 Cleveland Lawyer of the Year (Land Use and Zoning Law)
 - 2016 Cleveland Lawyer of the Year (Litigation – Real Estate)
 - 2013 Cleveland Lawyer of the Year (Litigation – Real Estate)
- Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent® Peer Rating
- America's Top 100 Attorneys® Lifetime Achievement

- Land Use & Eminent Domain Litigation (Ohio)
- Real Estate Law (Ohio)

in the community

- International Council of Shopping Centers
- Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Society of Benchers
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
 - Board of Directors
 - Real Estate and Litigation Sections
 - Legal Fee Dispute Committee
 - Real Estate Institute Planning Committee
- American Bar Association
 - Litigation, Real Property, and Construction Law Sections
- Ohio State Bar Association
 - Real Estate and Litigation Sections
 - Governmental Law Subcommittee, Past Chairman
 - Council of Delegates for Real Estate Law Committee
- Akron Zoo, Board of Directors
 - Executive and Governance Committee
- The 50 Club of Cleveland
- YMCA of Greater Cleveland
 - Executive Board of Directors, Immediate Past Board Chair
 - Executive Committee
 - Governance Committee
 - HR Committee, Chair