

## John Shanks

### Partner

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John's clients often come to him knowing the problems they are facing, but they are unsure of how to resolve them. Working with a diverse group of clients including municipalities, district health authorities, property owners, insurers, small business owners and firms in the construction industry, some of the ways John has helped his clients are by:

- Representing municipalities in the interpretation of a school board funding agreement.
- Representing both landowners and expropriating authorities in expropriations and compensation claims.
- Representing both estates and beneficiaries in contested estate and proof of wills litigations.
- Representing clients in contractual and other business disputes, including builders' liens and shareholders disagreements.

## Practice Areas

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Insurance

Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

Municipal

## Education & Career

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### Education

University of New Brunswick, LLB, 1997

Acadia University, BA (honours), 1994

## **Activities**

Member, Canadian Bar Association

Member, Board of Directors, West Hants Minor Hockey Association, 2006 – present

Member, Oversight Committee, Annapolis Valley School Board

West Hants Middle School renovator, 2009 – 2010

Member, West Hants Planning Advisory Committee, 2002 – 2008

Professor, Civil Trial Practice, Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University

Coach, West Hants United Soccer Association, 2007 – present

Member of organizing committee, 2012 banton boys eastern Canadian fast pitch championship