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Profile

John has had more than 30 years' experience managing workers' compensation programs on behalf of major New York employers. He directed workers' compensation programs for both The City of New York and the New York City Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA). From 2019 to 2022, while at the MTA, he managed the legal and claims program for the 50,000 employees of the New York City Transit Authority and the Manhattan and Bronx Surface Transit Operating Authority. Also, during that time, he participated in the consolidation and re-organization of the MTA Legal Department.

Prior to his work at the MTA, John was chief of the Workers' Compensation Division for the New York City Law Department, supervising more than 100 employees and administering an average of 17,000 new workers' compensation claims each year. He joined the Law Department's Workers' Compensation Division in 1989 as an Assistant Corporation Counsel, subsequently serving as Deputy Division Chief and Division Chief.

Honors & Affiliations

- The New York City Bar Association
- New York County Lawyers' Association
- New York Claim Association, President. 2007-2008; Centennial Award, 2014
- New York Self-Insurers Association, Chairman, 2009-2010; Gregory Saxum Award, 2020
- Jeffrey D. Friedlander Excellence in Management Award, 2015
- Appointed by the Chair of the Workers' Compensation Board to serve on the Board's Advisory Committee on Self Insurance, 2008-2019
- Performed Pro Bono work as a Volunteer Arbitrator in the New York City Civil Court, 1996-2018

Representative Publications

- *Workers' Compensation Law and Practice in New York*, Co-Editor-in-Chief (together with Steven M. Scotti), New York State Bar Association, 2011

Representative Presentations

Education

- New York Law School (J.D. 1988)
- Manhattan School of Music (Master of Music 1985)
- Manhattan School of Music (Bachelor of Music 1978)

Bar/Court Admissions

- New York
- U.S. District Court of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York

Practices

- Labor and Employment

- Served as Lecturer in the New York City Law Department's Continuing Legal Education Program, 1999-2019