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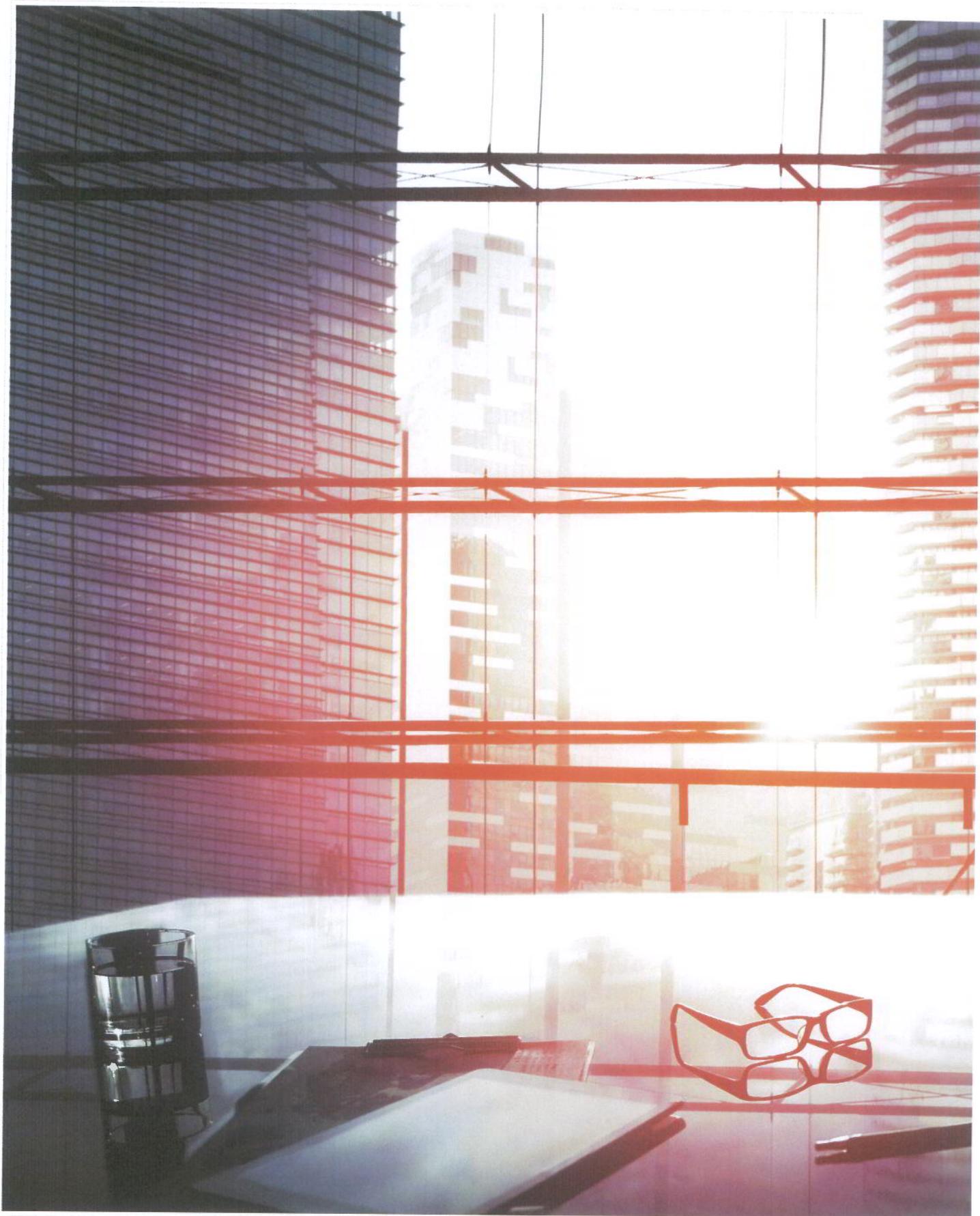
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We speak to John Wilkinson, currently of Counsel at Fulton Vittoria, LLP. He gives us an insight into his company and what it takes to be a leading full-time arbitrator and mediator.

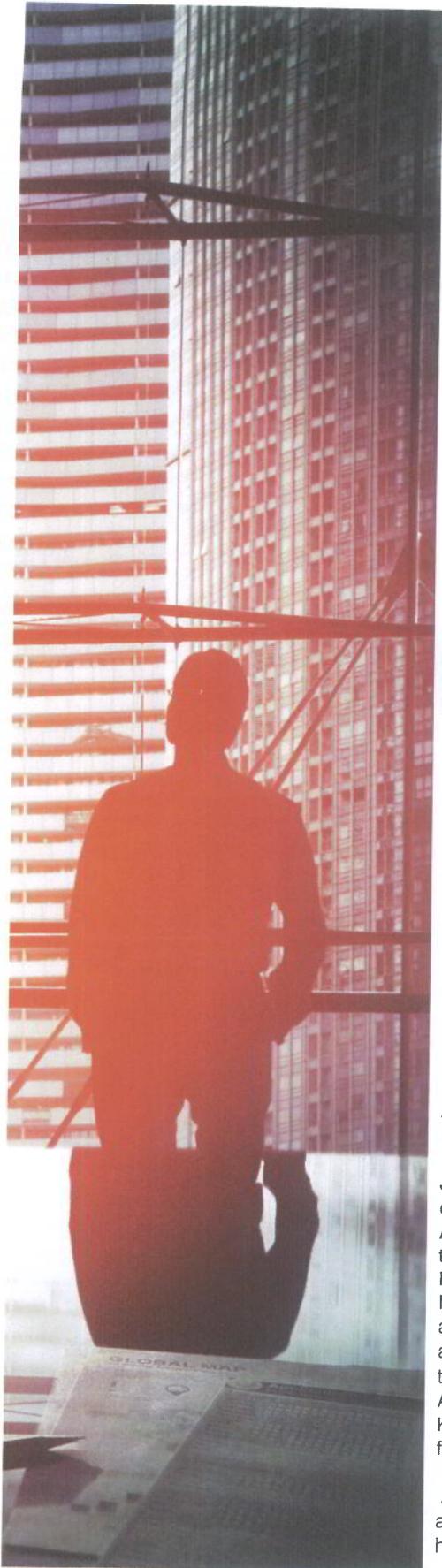


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John Wilkinson was for 25 years a trial attorney, litigator and partner at Donovan Leisure Newton & Irvine, during which he represented clients in numerous arbitrations, mediations and trials of complex corporate disputes. For most of the same period, he was also in charge of Donovan Leisure's public service (pro bono) program.

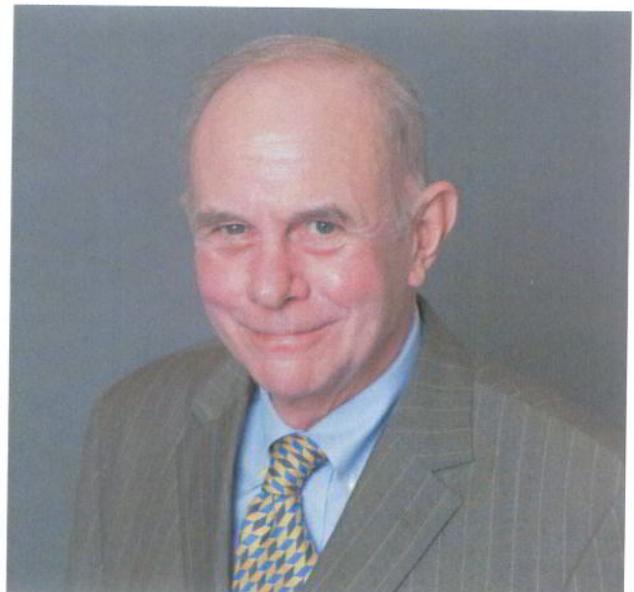
John is currently Of Counsel at Fulton Vittoria, LLP and is a full-time arbitrator and mediator. He has been an arbitrator or mediator in hundreds of complex commercial cases, as well as numerous pro bono mediations as a member of the mediation panels of the United States District Court, Southern District of New York; the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York; and the New York Supreme Court, Commercial Division, New York County. In addition, he serves as a Special Master (mediation) in the New York Appellate Division, First Department.

John serves on the panels of neutrals of the American Arbitration Association (AAA), the International Centre for Dispute Resolution, the CPR Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR) (national and international panels); the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre and the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration and Mediation.

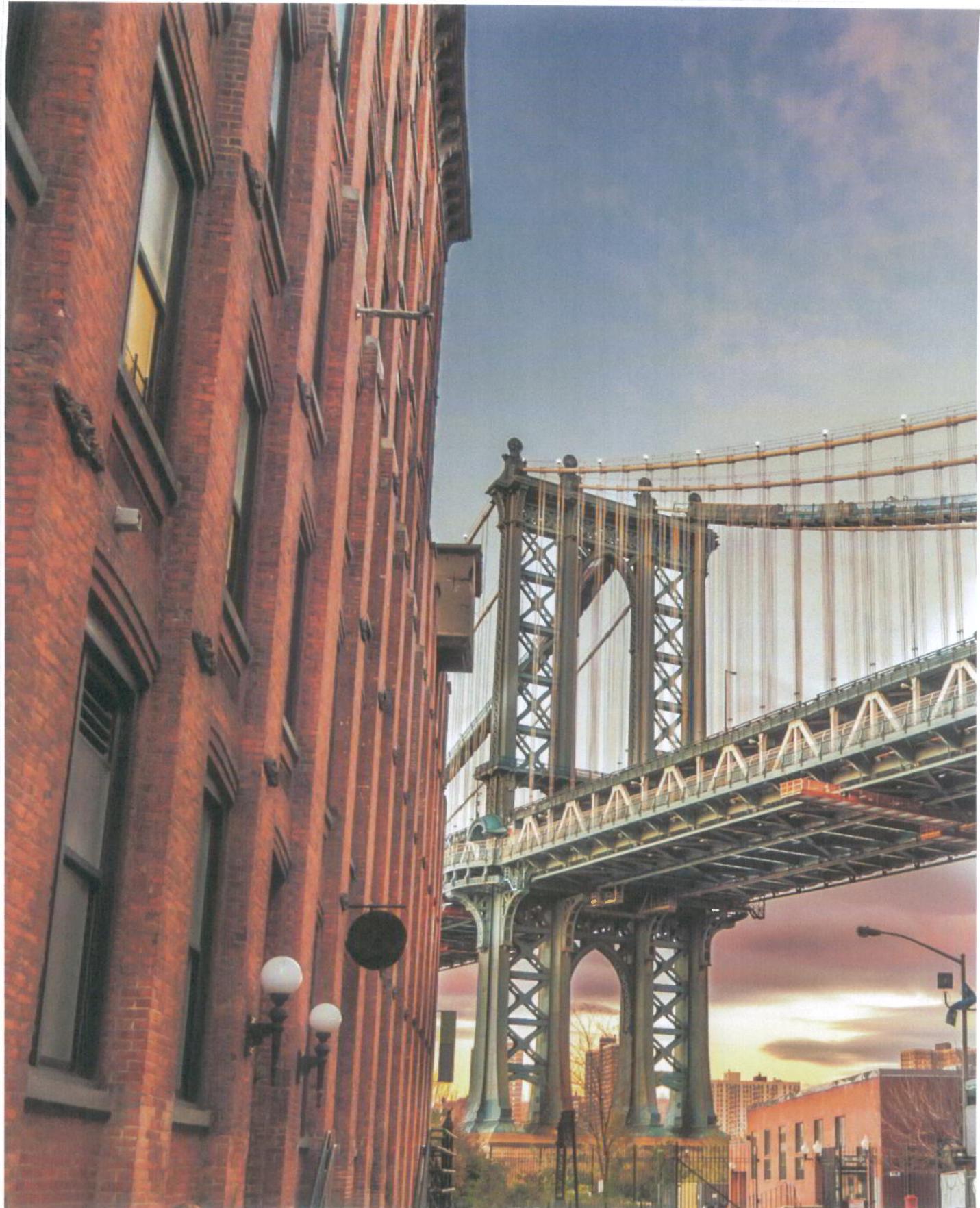
A few examples of arbitrations and mediations in which John has served are the following:

Representative Arbitrations

- Dispute over who was the rightful owner of Israel's leading English daily newspaper, the Jerusalem Post.
- Disputed claim under a political risk insurance policy based on the demise of a large power plant project in Inner Mongolia.
- Alleged breach of a joint agreement to develop the port of Puerto Cabezas and its surrounding facilities in Nicaragua.
- Alleged breaches of a joint venture to run a fibre optic telecommunications network from Moscow to Khabarovsk.
- Claim that a leading member of the U.S. Olympic Equestrian team was responsible for illegal substance in a horse she had trained and was, therefore, ineligible to participate in the Olympics.
- Claims by the limited partners of a major-league baseball team asserting, among other things, that



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the general partner had not made a good faith effort to obtain a new stadium and to keep the team in the city where it had originated.

- Valuation of a New York City office building, a fleet of ships, a corporation and a portion of a regional shopping mall.
- Twenty-billion-dollar dispute arising from a project to construct a submarine fiber optic network around South America.

Representative Mediations

- Claim that a power company's negligence caused a blackout that damaged and shut down a large factory.
- Claim that a large office building in Manhattan was structurally unsound.
- Reorganisation of a computer software company in light of serious differences among the principals.
- Significant differences among members of a high profile singing group.
- Claim that a large distributor of medical supplies fraudulently procured rebates from its supplier.
- Claims arising from the crash of a commercial helicopter in the Gulf of Finland.

In addition, among John's various activities are the following: He is a frequent speaker on arbitration and mediation to professional and bar organisations, corporate legal departments and law school classes, as well as to groups such as the legal department of the Navy.

He has written numerous articles and chapters on dispute resolution and was

editor and co-author of the ADR Practice Book (John Wiley & Sons), which received CPR's award and honorarium for best dispute resolution book of the year. He also co-authored the New York State Bar Association Guidelines for the Arbitrator's Conduct of the Pre-Hearing Phase of Domestic Commercial and International Arbitrations.

John served as Chair of the New York State Bar Association's Dispute Resolution Section (Section) (2013-14) and twice served as Chair of the Section's Mediation Committee (2008-10, 2015-16) and once as Chair of the Section's Arbitration Committee (2010-12). He also has been a member of the Section's Executive Committee from 2008 to present.

He served on a six-person committee that revised the Model Standards of Conduct for Mediators.

- John is an AAA Master Mediator (one of nine in New York State).
- He is a Fellow and past member of the board of the College of Commercial Arbitrators.
- He has been Vice-Chair of the ABA's Arbitration Committee (2012-13).
- He has been a member of the board of the NY International Arbitration Center (2013-15).

- He has been a long-time instructor of arbitrators and mediators.
- John recently received the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award of the American College of Civil Trial Mediators.

John has been recognised in a number of well-known publications, including:

- Best Lawyers in America, 2015.
- Super Lawyers, NY Times Magazine, 2015.
- New York Area's Best Lawyers, NY Magazine, 2015.
- Marquis, Who's Who in the World; Who's Who in America, 2014.
- Wall Street Journal, Best Lawyers in New York City, Nov. 2015.
- American Registry, America's Most Honored Professionals, 2015.
- American Lawyer, Top Lawyers, 2015.

John received his B.A. from Williams College and his LLB from Fordham Law School, where he was an editor of the Law Review and received awards for the highest grades in eight courses.

John lives in New York with his wife, Mia. They have two children, Heather and Carter.

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