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## John Gasink

PARTNER

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## Overview

John is an experienced litigator who leverages his finance and executive business background to advocate for clients in a wide variety of industries, including finance & securities, oil & gas, pharmaceuticals, and technology. John focuses on complex commercial litigation, and his cases typically involve fraud, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, and other common business torts.

In representing both plaintiffs and defendants, John draws on his previous career in business and finance, during which he co-founded a fund of hedge funds, worked as a negotiation consultant to Fortune 500 companies, and served as a business development executive at a technology firm. John's diverse business background allows him to understand quickly his clients' business challenges, fit their litigation matters within that context, and offer thoughtful, practical legal advice. John also serves as Co-Chair of the firm's Client Development and Marketing Committee.

## Experience

Defended software company against allegations of breach of contract in multi-million dollar dispute with technology services vendor

Pursued multi-million dollar breach of contract claims for natural gas pipeline company against seller for failure to deliver natural gas

Defended publicly-traded oil company against allegations by lessor of underpayment of royalties and lease termination

Defended hedge fund against allegations of fraud, breach of contract, and breach of fiduciary duty brought by former investor seeking billions of dollars in damages

Pursued fraud claims for foreign investment company and multiple structured finance vehicles against large originator and underwriter in connection with billions of dollars in purchases of residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS).

Defended pharmaceutical company against allegations of Medicaid fraud brought by Attorney General

Pursued fraud claims for hedge fund against large investment bank in connection with purchases of securities worth tens of millions of dollars in multiple collateralized debt obligations (CDOs).

Pursued fraud and breach of contract claims for municipal government entity against large investment bank in connection with the purchase of tens of millions of dollars in commercial paper issued by a structured investment vehicle (SIV)

Defended former joint venture participant against allegations of breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty by another former joint venture participant

Pursued fraud and breach of contract claims for former CEO against former employer in connection with issuance of preferred stock

## Awards

- Texas Rising Star, a Thompson Reuters business, Business Litigation, 2019 & 2020
- Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation
- Order of the Coif, Virginia Chapter
- University of Virginia Law Review, Editorial Board

## News & Insights

- Seven SDM Lawyers Named to Texas Rising Stars®
- Six SDM Lawyers Named to Texas Rising Stars®

- SDM Lawyers Recognized as 2021 Texas Rising Stars®
- SDM Obtains Denial of Eagle Ford Lease Termination Claim Against EP Energy
- U.S. District Court Affirms Ruling In Favor Of SDM Client EP Energy

## Practice Areas

- Business Litigation & Torts
- Fiduciary Duty Litigation
- Oil & Gas Litigation
- Pharmaceutical & Medical Device
- Securities & Complex Financial Litigation

## Education

- University of Virginia School of Law – J.D.
- Stanford University – B.A. in English

## Admissions

- State Bar of Texas
- United States District Courts for the Western District, Northern District, Eastern District and Southern District of Texas

## Activities

- Lloyd Lochridge American Inn of Court