

John W. Finger

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PARTNER

Overview

John never settles for less when it comes to his clients. For example, after a year of negotiations for the sale of a privately held company to one of the world's largest investment banks for several hundred million dollars, the buyer came back with last minute demands after both parties had agreed to all terms. John halted negotiations and stood his ground. He closed the deal a few days later without acceding to the buyer's demands.

In John's 35 years of legal practice he has handled private equity and venture capital investments, international licensing agreements and joint ventures, and has negotiated complex financings valued up to several hundred million dollars. As a member of the firm's Corporate & Securities Practice Group, John assists clients in mergers and acquisitions, equity financing and lending, and commercial transactions.

For John, the best part of practicing law is working with innovative and creative clients. He often assists clients in the manufacturing, private equity, technology, agriculture, and distribution industries.

As a young associate John worked tirelessly around the clock on a demanding deal that put a lot of responsibility on his shoulders. He never forgot the satisfaction he felt when he closed it. He carries that experience with him today as a reminder that rewards do not come without challenge and sacrifice.

Membership & Involvement

- Member: The Missouri Bar; The Illinois State Bar Association; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Business Law Section
- Board of Directors: Midwestern Braille Volunteers

SERVICES

Commercial Contracts
Corporate & Securities
Corporate Governance
Joint Ventures & Strategic Alliance Agreements
Mergers & Acquisitions
Outside General Counsel
Securities & Capital Markets
Venture Capital & Private Equity

EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School, J.D., 1981
Stanford University, B.A., 1977

ADMISSIONS

Illinois
Missouri

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Honors

- Selected to *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Corporate: 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
- Selected to *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Mergers & Acquisitions: 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
- Selected to *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Business Organizations (including LLC's and Partnerships): 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
- Selected to *The Best Lawyers in America*® Lawyer of the Year in Business Organizations (including LLC's and Partnerships) in St. Louis: 2020
- Selected to Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers list: 2006, 2007, 2008

Firm News

43 SmithAmundsen Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*© 2022
August 19, 2021

34 SmithAmundsen Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers in America*© 2021
August 20, 2020

22 SmithAmundsen Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*© 2020
August 15, 2019

18 SmithAmundsen Attorneys Included in Best Lawyers in America© 2019
August 15, 2018

U.S. News & World Report – Best Lawyers® “Best Law Firms” 2018
November 1, 2017

14 SmithAmundsen Attorneys Included in Best Lawyers in America© 2018
August 15, 2017

Attorney John W. Finger Joins SmithAmundsen's Corporate & Securities Practice Group in St. Louis
July 13, 2017

Speaking Engagements

Business Succession Planning: Leaving Your Legacy Intact
September 10, 2019

You Want Me to Do What?
Association of Corporate Counsel, St. Louis Chapter, May 9, 2018

Published Works

Preparing for Acquisition Due Diligence

ACC St. Louis Newsletter, October 25, 2018

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