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John is a leading practitioner in all fields of environmental law.

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BACKGROUND

John's masters degree in environmental law, which he obtained from The George Washington University in Washington DC in 1985, is among the first environmental law masters degrees obtained by any Australian practitioner.

KEY SERVICES

[Environment, Planning and Communities](#)
[Native Title and Indigenous Heritage](#)

KEY SECTORS

[Energy](#)

EXPERIENCE

John has assisted clients on environmental law matters for more than three decades. He has advised both government and non-government clients on large corporate transactions, large-scale urban infrastructure projects and land-decontamination projects, as well as on major environmental litigation. He also works with clients on strategic climate change issues including 'carbon costs pass-through', carbon capture and storage, joint venture structuring, registration and reporting obligations, and 'carbon credit' acquisitions.

Who's Who Legal 2015 describes John as an 'impressive' lawyer who is 'recognised as one of the leading individuals in [its] research', *Chambers Asia-Pacific 2015* describes John as a 'Senior Statesman' in the field of environmental law and *Australian Financial Review, March 2008* named John as Best Lawyer in the greenhouse field.

John is a member of the *International Environmental Lawyers Network* based in Washington DC, served as Secretary of the *National Environmental Law Association of Australia* for the first four years after its establishment, and was a member the *Executive Committee of the International Bar Association's Committee on Environmental Law* for four years in the late 1980s.
