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“I have a history of building trust and confidence with clients by carefully listening to the facts underlying each client’s concerns, thoroughly analyzing the various potential outcomes, and assisting each client to identify their goal in resolving the matter by evaluating the relative risks, benefits, and costs of each alternative strategy in achieving the client’s goal. Availability and responsiveness to each client is paramount in serving my clients.”

John John has successfully represented corporations and individuals in negotiating agreements and resolving disputes regarding financing and purchase of real estate, commercial loans, and estate and trust matters. Because of his Greek background, John has assisted many from Greece with inheritance claims in Washington State and also in guiding Washington residents in pursuing inheritance claims in Greece.

Professional Activities

- King County Bar Association
 - Judicial Screening Committee, Member, 1988-1991, 1993-1996
- Washington State Bar Association
 - Character and Fitness Committee, Member, 1994-1997
- American Bar Association, Member
- Graham & Dunn PC, Managing Partner, 1994-2008

Civic Activities

- United States Marine Corps, 1970-1974
- John P. Angel Foundation, Vice President and Trustee
- Nellie Martin Carmen Scholarship Committee, Trustee and Chairman
- Hellenes of the Northwest, President
- The All Saints Foundation, Counsel

Publications

- “Trust Law Modernization in Washington State,” Washington Bankers Association, *Issues & Answers* (Nov./Dec. 2015)

Education

J.D., University of Washington School of Law, 1970

- *Washington Law Review*

B.A., University of Washington, with honors, 1967

Bar Admissions

Washington, 1970
Oregon, 2009

Languages

Greek

Military

United States Marine Corps, 1970-1974

- “Is the End of Discounted Family Partnership in Sight?” Miller Nash Graham & Dunn, *Estate Planning Advisor* (Sept. 2015)
- “Keeping Separate Property Separate: Trusts for Beneficiaries,” Graham & Dunn, *Estate Planning Advisor* (May 2014)
- “Fundamentals of Community Property,” Graham & Dunn, *Estate Planning Advisor* (Feb. 2014)
- “Supreme Court Took One Big Step for Marriage Equality; IRS Takes Another,” Graham & Dunn, *Estate Planning Advisor* (Aug. 2013)
- “The 2012 Taxpayer Relief Act,” Graham & Dunn, *Estate Planning Advisor* (Feb. 2013)
- “Using a Charitable Remainder Trust to Sell Appreciated Assets,” Graham & Dunn, *Estate Planning Advisor* (Sept. 2012)
- “Keeping Your Estate Plan Up to Date,” Graham & Dunn, *Estate Planning Advisor* (May 2012)
- “Benefits of a Dynasty Trust,” Graham & Dunn, *Estate Planning Advisor* (Feb. 2012)
- “California Snowbirds: Avoid an Additional Tax Burden,” Graham & Dunn, *Estate Planning Advisor* (Sept. 2011)
- “How to Maximize Nontaxable Gifts to Family Members,” Graham & Dunn, *Estate Planning Advisor* (May 2011)
- “The Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax,” Graham & Dunn, *Estate Planning Advisor* (Jan. 2011)
- “Taxation of International Activity: Over Relief From Double Taxation Under the U.S. Tax System,” *International Tax & Business Law 101*, coauthor (1991)

Presentations

- “Unique But Not Unusual Transactions with Trusts: How to Advise Trustees to Avoid the Landmines When Trying to Accommodate Beneficiary Requests,” Washington State Bar Association, 2017 Real Property, Probate and Trust Section Midyear Meeting (June 2017)
- “Grantor Trusts,” National Business Institute, NBI Seminar: Estate Planning A to Z (Aug. 2015)
- “Generation Skipping Transfer Tax (GST) Planning in the Months Ahead,” Washington State Bar Association, Managing Uncertainty in Changing Times: Probate and Trusts CLE Seminar (Dec. 2012)
- “56th Annual Estate Planning Seminar,” Washington State Bar, 56th Annual Estate Planning Seminar (Nov. 2011)
- “State Income Taxation of Trusts,” Holland & Knight (Jan. 2015)

Recognition & Honors

- Selected for inclusion as a Washington Super Lawyer, 2000, 2004-2007
- Rated AV[®] Preeminent[™] by Martindale-Hubbell[®]
- Stadium High School Wall of Recognition, 2018
- Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate—Greek Orthodox Church, 2019