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John Geismar works with taxpayers in tax planning and structuring transactions, and represents businesses and individual clients in audit appeals to the Internal Revenue Service in the United States Tax Court.

The extent of John's tax practice includes advising business organizations on the tax aspects of entity formation, governance, transactions, operations and asset acquisition finance and business entity taxation. He integrates commercial real estate and tax planning in a well-developed practice that designs and serves as a Qualified Intermediary in connection with Tax Deferred Exchanges under Internal Revenue Code Section 1031.

John represents lenders in commercial transactions and counsels small and large businesses including family held businesses with respect to operations, real estate planning, development and finance, tax and ownership succession matters, and estate planning.

Education

- New England School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 1982
- Colby College, B.A., 1978

Practice Areas

Construction Law
Corporate and Commercial Law Group
Credit Union Law
Elder Law
Estate Planning, Wills, Trusts
Health Law
Hospitality Law Group
Intellectual Property and Internet Law
Medical Credentialing
Medical Professional Licensing
Nonprofit and Exempt Organizations Law Group
Probate and Estate Administration
Real Estate Law Group

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State and Federal Tax Planning,
Compliance and Appeals
Tax-Deferred Exchanges

Affiliations

Admitted to Practice

- U.S. District Court, District of Maine
- U.S. Tax Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 1st Circuit
- Maine Supreme Judicial Court
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims

Member, Past and Present

- Advocates for Children, Board Member
- American Bar Association, Member
- American Health Lawyers Association, Member
- Androscoggin County Bar Association, Member
- Appalachian Mountain Club, Member
- Boys and Girls Club of Southern Maine Board, Member
- Kieve-Wavus Education, Board Member & Secretary
- Lewiston Mill Redevelopment Finance Committee, Member
- Maine Audubon, Member
- Maine Justice Foundation, Board Member and Treasurer
- Maine Board of Bar Overseers, Fee Arbitration Panel Chair
- Maine State Bar Association, Member
- St. Joseph's School Board, Member
- Town of Minot Planning Board, Chair
- Tri-County Mental Health Services Board, Member and Chair

Awards, Merits & Honors

- Recognized by Best Lawyers for 2020 (since 2009)
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers of America* – Tax Law 2009-2024

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