

John co-founded Faraday Associates in 2018 having retired from the partnership at Herbert Smith Freehills where he had been a partner for 20 years. During that time John was Global Co-Head of Finance at Herbert Smith Freehills and lead the firm's restructuring practice. In addition to his lead role on most of the major restructurings in the region, John has a broad depth of experience across many practice areas including corporate, project and structured finance, and has been instrumental in developing innovative uses of debt financing on matters across the globe. John has pioneered the use of securitization techniques in funding and structuring the acquisition of large scale NPL and other bespoke loan portfolios.

John has played a major role in significant financing transactions, including a large number of high-profile privatisations and infrastructure projects, most recently in the renewable energy, transportation, telecommunications, and media and gaming industries.

John specialises in complex cross-border financing and has worked on major corporate restructures in the United States and Europe, as well as Australia. The most recent example of this was the financing of the Takata entities to emerge from Chapter 15 bankruptcy (the international version of Chapter 11).

He has been involved in many significant administrations and turnaround or restructuring transactions in Australia, and in developing innovative uses of mezzanine debt. Significant transactions have included loan portfolio sales, I-Med and Nine Entertainment.

John has represented borrower groups and lending institutions and advised on transactions on behalf of: ANZ Banking Group, Bain Capital, Blackstone, Commonwealth Bank of Australia, ACP/PBL/Consolidated Press Holdings (including in respect of the OneTel insolvency and Hoyts US), Crown, Delta Energy, the Department of Defence, Deutsche Bank, Fairfax Group, HPI, Investec, KKR, Lend Lease, Macquarie, Rothschild, Telstra, Varde, Vodafone and Westpac.

John holds a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours).

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