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John has practised as a solicitor in Hong Kong since 1979. During his legal career in Hong Kong he has been involved in a wide range of civil disputes. Until his retirement in 2014, he was the head of the Dispute Resolution Group of Wilkinson & Grist, one of Hong Kong's leading independent law firms.

He has a particular interest in ADR and has for the last two decades been heavily involved in both mediation and arbitration matters. He is the Chairman of the Hong Kong Mediation Accreditation Association Limited and Vice Chairperson of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre. He is a member of the Law Society of Hong Kong's Mediation Committee, the Secretary for Justice's Steering Committee on Mediation and the Chief Justice's Working Party on Mediation. He is the Chairman of the Accreditation Committee of the Hong Kong Mediation Accreditation Association and also the Chairman of the Mediation Accreditation Committee of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre.

John has been involved in public service in Hong Kong for almost 40 years. He is a past member of the Equal Opportunities Commission and the Law Reform Commission. He was for many years Chairman of Hong Chi Association, Hong Kong's largest NGO specialising in services for the mentally handicapped. He is the Chairman of the Hong Kong Club Charitable Foundation and the Honorary Secretary of St. James' Settlement.