



# John W. Merkle

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John is a Counsel in ArentFox Schiff's San Francisco office where he focuses on complex business transactions and entity governance.



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## Practices

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## Education

New York University, LL.M.  
University of San Diego School of Law, JD  
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John focuses his practice in the areas of transactions, entity governance, and business planning, including the negotiation and documentation of complex business transactions.

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## Client Work

Recent representation includes multiple generations of high net worth families engaged in the ownership, development, management, and leasing of substantial commercial and underdeveloped real estate holdings; the intra-family transfer of management control; as well as business restructuring and related documentation.

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## Previous Work

Before joining ArentFox Schiff, John was a member and partner of a boutique law firm based in San Francisco.

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## Bar Admissions

[California](#)