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John B. Lynch is a retired partner of our firm. For many years prior to his retirement, John served as our firm's professional development partner as well as our firm's financial advisor to the Managing Committee, and most recently as chair of our firm's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, + Belonging Committee. He is a member of our Business Transactions practice group.

John has more than three decades of experience assisting corporate and financial services clients with sophisticated business and commercial finance transactions, mergers and acquisitions, and general corporate matters. He has served a range of clients, such as banks and other financial institutions, public and large private corporations, sovereign tribal nations, health care providers, and small business ventures. John was our firm's Managing Partner from 2009 to 2016.

Finance

John has represented large national and regional banks, lenders, and borrowers in a variety of sophisticated commercial finance transactions. These transactions regularly included the representation of lenders in structuring and documenting asset-based financings, the representation of agents and participants in both secured and unsecured syndicated credit facilities, and the representation of lenders and borrowers in leveraged buyout transactions.

Mergers + Acquisitions

John has developed a transaction-oriented corporate and commercial practice. He regularly represented both buyers and sellers in structuring, negotiating, financing, and documenting sophisticated business acquisition and sale transactions. His practice has involved working with investment banks, accounting firms, and other professional advisors to provide integrated professional services to our firm's clients who are engaged in merger and acquisition transactions. He has assisted with deals involving businesses across various industries, such as food and beverages, commercial explosives, waste hauling, pharmaceuticals, manufacturing, aerospace, and defense.

Corporate Law

In addition to his transactional practice, John has represented corporate clients on matters involving governance, shareholder relations, employees, and general contracting issues.

Community Involvement

John has been active in the community, and during his career he donated his time and effort to organizations such as the Hartford Stage Company, Leadership Greater Hartford, Junior Achievement, United Way, and the MetroHartford Alliance. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Lawyers Collaborative for Diversity.

Education

- University of Virginia School of Law (Juris Doctor, *Moot Court*)
- College of the Holy Cross (Bachelors, *cum laude*)
 - B.A., Economics/Accounting

Admissions

- State of Connecticut

Recognitions

Ranked in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* in the State of Connecticut in the area of Corporate/Mergers & Acquisitions for 2011 - 2014

Selected to the Connecticut *Super Lawyers* list from 2006 to 2017

Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® as Hartford Lawyer of the Year in the area of Corporate Law for 2026 and in the area of Mergers and Acquisitions Law for 2020

Selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the areas of Corporate Law since 2007 and Mergers and Acquisitions Law since 2012

Robinson+Cole Mentor of the Year Award, 2016

Selected as a finalist for the Diversity Initiative Award by the *Connecticut Law Tribune*, 2021

Robinson+Cole Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Award Recipient, 2021

Leadership + Memberships

American Bar Association

Business Law Section (1984 - present)

Connecticut Bar Association

Business Law and Banking Sections (1984 - present)

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee

Connecticut Business & Industry Association

Board of Directors (2010 - present)

Connecticut Bar Foundation

James W. Cooper Fellow (2011)

Lawyers Collaborative for Diversity

President-elect (2018 - 2019)

Board of Directors (2017)

U.S. Law Firm Group

Trustee

Member of Diversity Committee

Hartford Stage Company

Board of Directors (2010 - 2016)

Leadership Greater Hartford

