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As a shareholder in Reinhart's Real Estate Practice, John Murphy believes in taking ownership of his client's problems and relentlessly pursuing solutions. From big deals to small questions, he's accessible and responsive.

John has extensive transactional experience in acquisitions, dispositions, leasing, real estate finance and sale/leasebacks. He helps negotiate and draft complex documentation, supervises due diligence, works through easement and property tax issues in real estate transactions and offers real estate opinions. His clients span the country and include lenders, borrowers, developers, buyers, sellers, tenants, landlords and joint ventures. He enjoys developing long-term relationships with his clients and helping their businesses flourish.

John serves as Treasurer of the American College of Mortgage Attorneys and formerly taught advanced contract drafting as an adjunct professor of law at Marquette University Law School.

Away from the office, John enjoys learning new languages, snow skiing, hiking and spending time with his wife, four children and two very large dogs.

Education

- J.D., cum laude, University of Chicago Law School
- Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison
- M.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison
- B.A., University of Illinois

Bar Admissions

Illinois, Wisconsin

Practices

- Real Estate



Services

- Real Estate Leasing

Matters

- Regularly represents a Fortune 500 multinational financial services company as its sole outside real estate counsel in acquisitions and dispositions, leasing and subleasing, and construction transactions.
- Regularly represents a Fortune 500 medical product manufacturer and distribution company as its sole outside real estate counsel in acquisitions and dispositions, leasing and subleasing, and construction transactions.
- Regularly represents a very large shipping supply company as its outside real estate counsel in leasing transactions.
- Regularly represents individual agencies affiliated with a Fortune 500 national insurance company with their leasing and subleasing requirements.
- Represents a renewable energy company with its bioenergy projects in Wisconsin.
- Regularly serves clients and other law firms as Wisconsin local counsel in various financing transactions as either borrower's or lender's counsel to ensure that the applicable loan documents comply with Wisconsin law and issue appropriate local counsel opinions to support the loan transaction.
- Regularly serves clients and other law firms as Wisconsin local counsel in various acquisition, disposition and leasing transactions involving Wisconsin real property.

Honors & Affiliations

Honors

- Fellow of the American Bar Foundation (membership limited to one percent of lawyers licensed to practice in each jurisdiction)
- *Best Lawyers in America* Banking and Finance Law "Lawyer of the Year" (2023)
- *Best Lawyers in America* (Real Estate Law; Banking and Finance Law)

Affiliations

- American College of Mortgage Attorneys, Treasurer (former Secretary)
- State Bar of Wisconsin
- Milwaukee Bar Association



- State Bar of Illinois
- Adjunct Professor of Law, Marquette University Law School

Presentations

- "[When Lenders Initiate Foreclosure of Abandoned Properties in Wisconsin, They Need to Promptly Sell the Abandoned Property](#)" American College of Mortgage Attorneys Abstract, co-author (April 2014)