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**Bar Admission:**

Ontario (2013)

**Education:**

Juris Doctor (with Distinction),  
Western University (2012)

Bachelor of Journalism (Honours),  
Ryerson University (2007)

**Memberships:**

- The Advocates' Society
- Ontario Bar Association
- Toronto Lawyers Association
- Canadian Defence Lawyers
- Defense Research Institute

**JOHN MATHER**

John Mather is a partner at DMG Advocates practicing commercial and public litigation.

John is adept on his feet in any setting. He regularly appears before the Ontario Superior Court and Court of Appeal. He has also represented parties before various administrative tribunals and regulatory bodies, including disciplinary panels for competitive associations.

John's public litigation work includes acting on commissions of inquiry and government, regulatory and workplace investigations. In 2022-2023, John served as Commission Counsel to Justice Rouleau of the Ontario Court of Appeal at the public inquiry investigating the federal government's invocation of the *Emergencies Act* in response to the Freedom Convoy protests in January/February 2022. From 2019-2022, John acted as Associate Commission Counsel to then-Associate Chief Justice of Ontario Frank Marrocco at the Collingwood Judicial Inquiry, an extensive public investigation into alleged conflicts of interest and other concerns surrounding two major transactions by the Town of Collingwood.

John has been recognized by Lexpert as a Leading Lawyer to Watch in corporate commercial litigation and has been featured in Benchmark Litigation's 40 & Under Hot List for 2021 and 2022.

John is a member of the Ontario Bar Association's Administrative Law executive.

Prior to joining DMG Advocates in 2018, John spent five years as an associate lawyer at a leading national firm. John earned his law degree from Western University, where he graduated with Distinction. Prior to law, John worked as a journalist in Canada and the United Arab Emirates.

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**Representative Work:**

- Heywood v. Pleterski (2022): Obtained Mareva order against Aiden Pleterski, the self-described "Crypto King".
- Wittal v. Ford Motor Company (2022): Lead counsel on product liability certification motion before Saskatchewan Court of King's Bench. Decision under reserve.
- Darvish-Kazem v. Pazkaz Enterprises Inc., 2022 ONSC 1667: Successful defence of an oppression application.
- Private Settlement (2021): Settled a claim of specific performance for payment of cryptocurrency under a services contract.
- Private Arbitration (2020): Lead counsel for large restaurant franchisor in rental dispute.
- Trade Finance Solutions Inc. v. Equinox Global Limited, 2018 ONCA 12, overturning 2016 ONSC 7988: Successful appeal to enforce an arbitration clause.

**Expertise:**

- Product Liability, Automotive Law and Class Actions
- Public Inquiries, Regulatory Liability, Investigations and Inquests
- Commercial and International Arbitration
- Injunctions and Urgent Proceedings
- Commercial Leasing, Construction and Condominium Law
- Procurement Litigation
- Media and Defamation
- Cryptocurrency and Blockchain
- Cross Border Litigation