

Legal Experience and Areas of Practice

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John Carpay argued for racial equality before the Supreme Court of Canada in *R. v. Kapp*, representing the intervener Japanese Canadian Fishermen's Association. John has argued for freedom of expression before the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal in *Whatcott v. Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission*, and before the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench in *Lund v. Boissin*. John was in-house counsel with the Canadian Taxpayers Federation when it intervened in the Treaty 8 Indian taxation court case (*Benoit v. Canada*), arguing at trial and in the Federal Court of Appeal that a person's race, ancestry, ethnicity and descent should have no bearing on how much tax a person must pay. As Executive Director of the Canadian Constitution Foundation from 2005 to 2010, John managed all of the Foundation's constitutional litigation files.

Since 2007, John has represented Campus Pro-Life students at the University of Calgary in support of their free speech rights. This case remains in progress as the students are currently appealing the University's ruling that the students are guilty of "Non-Academic Misconduct."

In addition to civil and constitutional litigation, John has experience in criminal defence work, and also as a Crown Prosecutor in traffic court.

John practices in all areas of civil and criminal litigation, with emphasis on constitutional law.