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John Bennett is Senior Counsel in the Firm's Exempt Organizations Practice. John is Co-Head of, and manages the day-to-day oversight of, the Group's Endowment Advisory Practice. John advises endowed universities, foundations, hospitals, cultural institutions and other institutional investors, including family offices, in connection with investment activities, including in the review and negotiation of documentation relating to investments in private equity funds, venture capital funds, real estate funds, energy and other natural resources funds, hedge funds, managed accounts, funds-of-one and similar investment vehicles, as well as in secondary market transactions involving the purchase and sale of

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interests in such investment vehicles. In addition, he represents public charities and private foundations in connection with impact investments and mission- and program-related investments. John also advises public charities and private foundations on structural and operating issues, including formation, governance, mergers, reorganizations, domestic and international grantmaking and taxation.

John is a regular speaker on topics of interest to tax-exempt organizations and institutional investors. John has spoken on various topics at the American Bar Association Business Law Section's Institutional Investors Committee, the International Grantmaking Symposium and the annual Georgetown conference on Representing & Managing Tax Exempt Organizations, and has presented at various events hosted by the Practising Law Institute, the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants, Nonprofit New York and New York Lawyers for the Public Interest, among others. John is the co-author, with David A. Shevlin, of chapters entitled "Tools for Direct International Grantmaking: Expenditure Responsibility," and "Tools for Direct International Grantmaking: Equivalency Determination," in "Cross-Border Giving: A Legal and Practical Guide," published in 2018 by Charity Channel Press.

The Legal 500 reports high praise for John from clients, with one source noting: "his industry knowledge is incredible, and his work ethic is second to none."

