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For more than 40 years, John Folawn has helped shape law in Oregon and counseled clients on matters across the Pacific Northwest. Working on select cases, John's practice focuses on complex civil litigation in a variety of areas, including legal malpractice, business and commercial disputes, real estate, insurance coverage, and trust and estate litigation. John is still regarded as one of the best jury trial lawyers in Oregon. Since entering private practice in 1976, John has successfully tried hundreds of civil cases, including nearly 200 civil jury cases to verdict. In addition, he has an appellate practice involving more than 40 cases in the Oregon Court of Appeals, the Oregon Supreme Court, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. As Of Counsel for Folawn Alterman and Richardson LLP, John now represents select clients on legal matters and assists the firm with legal strategies as needed. Additionally, John is available for mediation on a select basis.

The Best Lawyers in America has listed John for seventeen years. He currently holds a first tier ranking in the practice areas of Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law, Legal Malpractice Law – Plaintiffs, Litigation – Real Estate, Litigation – Securities, and Litigation – Trust & Estates. He has made presentations to the American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, the Oregon State Bar, the Multnomah Bar Association and the Oregon Law Institute on a variety of trial related issues. He is the co-author of the Competency and Advocacy chapters in The Ethical Oregon Lawyer, 2015 Revision of the Oregon State Bar.

In 1967, John graduated from the University of Oregon with a bachelor's degree, and in 1970 earned his law degree from the University of California (Hastings). Before entering private practice, John served as a Captain in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps where he prosecuted serious felonies.

Admitted to Practice

- Oregon
- California (inactive)
- U.S. District Court for District of Oregon
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

