

# John Decker

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## Practice Areas

- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Emerging & Growth Business
- Tax-Exempt Organizations
- Securities & Corporate Governance

## Education

- Harvard Law School  
J.D.
- London Business School  
Masters in Finance
- University of Michigan  
Business School  
B.A., High Distinction

## Bar Admission

- Michigan
- Illinois

## Overview

John Decker is an attorney in our Mergers & Acquisitions and Emerging & Growth Business practice groups, working closely with our Tax-Exempt Organizations & Impact Investing group. He specializes in complex business transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, financings, private equity and venture capital investments, cross-border transactions, general contracts, and securities. John represents a diverse client base ranging from individual entrepreneurs and professional athletes to private equity firms, private foundations, and global businesses. He serves as outside general counsel to several firm clients in support of their day-to-day and strategic, long-term operations. John has been with Jaffe since 2003 and also serves on our Recruiting Committee and Finance Committee.

## Significant Matters

- Represented Green Charge Networks, LLC (n/k/a ENGIE Storage), an industry-leading battery storage company based in California, in its equity sale to ENGIE, a global power, natural gas, and energy services company based in France
- Represented Metro Sanitation, LLC in connection with its sale of assets and real estate to Toronto-based GFL Environmental Inc
- Represented Dürr Ecoclean, Inc., a subsidiary of Dürr AG, a global mechanical and plant engineering firm based in Germany, in the sale of its Filtration Systems and Products Group to strategic buyer
- Represented Netarx in its sale to Logicalis Group, an international provider of IT and communications technologies based in Berkshire, England
- Represented the Detroit Zoological Society in its acquisition of the management rights to the Detroit Zoological Park from the City of Detroit

## Publications

- "A Sidebar with John Decker," Michigan Lawyers Weekly (May 1, 2020)

## Affiliations

- The Detroit Historical Society, Chair of the Board of Trustees, Executive Committee Member and Chair of Governance and Nominating Committee
- State Bar of Michigan, Business Law Section
- American Bar Association, Business Law Section
- Michigan Political Leadership Program, Former Fellow

## Recognition

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- *Crain's Detroit Business* "40 Under 40", 2010
- *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* "Leaders in the Law" 2020