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JOHN HECK

PARTNER

John is a lead partner in the estate planning division of Dunlap Bennett & Ludwig. A retired career Air Force officer and professional aviator, John opened his own law firm in 2008. In 2020, he transitioned to full-time estate planning, and he now serves clients across a wide range of legal areas, including foundational estate planning, elder law, probate and trust administration, and guardianship and conservatorship proceedings.

John holds a Juris Doctor from American University's Washington College of Law, a Masters of International Management from Whitworth College, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Astronautical Engineering from the U.S. Air Force Academy. He has served as an Executive Fellow with the Department of Defense at a prominent software company, has argued before a federal circuit court, and is certified as a Personal Family Lawyer.

Outside of work, John holds an Airline Transport Pilot (ATP) rating in multiple heavy aircraft, is a Certified Flight Instructor, is a certified SCUBA diver, and is a member of the "100 mile club" for the Cherry Blossom Ten Miler Race.

Most importantly, John is a husband and father of three children, and spends most of his free time at family events or relaxing with their two cats and small dog.

EDUCATION

- JD, American University
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ADMISSIONS

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PUBLICATIONS

- Wanted: The Right Experience, Air Force Reserve Citizen Airman Magazine, Vol. 65 No. 1 (2013)
- Pushing the Envelope, 74 J. Air L. & Com. 335 (2009)

