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*John DeGroot is a former global company general counsel now serving as a mediator, arbitrator and court-appointed trustee in significant business disputes. He believes that hands-on leadership, early matter assessment, and aggressive project management drive results.*

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- Serves as mediator and arbitrator in significant business disputes.
- Appointed to serve as the Liquidating Trustee to the BearingPoint, Inc. Liquidating Trust by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.
- Served from 2000 through 2008 as the Chief Litigation Counsel to KPMG Consulting/BearingPoint; led a team of over 40 in-house lawyers around the globe as the Company's Chief Legal Officer from 2008 through late 2009, when he became the Company's President.
- Serves as a privately-appointed corporate officer and director in select situations.
- Previously practiced with the law firms of McKool Smith, P.C. and Jackson Walker, L.L.P., with a focus on complex technology, commercial, and intellectual property litigation matters against and for various Fortune 500 companies.
- Received his mediation training from Pepperdine University's Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution in 2005. Has participated in over 200 mediations in approximately 20 states as a client executive, as outside or in-house counsel, and as a party.
- Serves as a co-founder to online decision tree tool [ResolutonTree.com](http://ResolutonTree.com) and comments on litigation management, settlement techniques and negotiation strategies at [settlementperspectives.com](http://settlementperspectives.com).

- **J.D.**, *Duke University School of Law, 1990*
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