

John Matheson

John Matheson is a leading expert on municipal governance, politics and restructuring. He specializes in helping private sector companies deal with Ontario's hundreds of municipal governments, and he assists municipalities in Ontario and other jurisdictions with policy development and restructuring issues.

Prior to joining StrategyCorp, Mr. Matheson served as Executive Assistant in the office of the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing where he was instrumental in the design and management of the most significant overhaul of the province's municipal sector in a generation, including initiatives such as the amalgamation of the City of Toronto, the creation of a new municipal taxation and assessment regime and key reforms to the Municipal Act and the Planning Act.

He also played a major role in the "Who Does What" initiative that restructured \$14 billion worth of provincial and municipal roles, powers and responsibilities.

Mr. Matheson's federal government experience includes service in the offices of the Ministers of Employment and Immigration, Communications and Grains & Oilseeds.

Before serving in the Ontario government, Mr. Matheson practiced commercial and insurance law in Toronto with a major Bay Street firm, and he remains a member of the Bar of Ontario.

Mr. Matheson is a Progressive Conservative Party activist at both the federal and provincial levels and has extensive experience in every aspect of political organization, including senior leadership roles in local campaigns. He served as a media spokesperson and Director of Candidate training for the Ontario PC party in its successful 1999 election campaign.

A frequent public speaker and commentator in the news media, Mr. Matheson appears regularly on CBC TV and TVOntario.

He holds a BA (Hons) in political studies from Queen's University in Kingston and an LLB from the University of Toronto.