

TRUSTS & ESTATES CONTROVERSIES

Hodgson Russ represents fiduciaries, beneficiaries, and other parties involved in will and trust contests; contested trust and estate accounting proceedings; will and trust construction and reformation proceedings; intra-family disputes related to wills, trusts, and guardianships; and controversies arising in the context of charitable and tax-exempt organizations. Our attorneys possess a thorough understanding of, and deep sensitivity to, the frequently complex legal and emotional issues involved and employ strong negotiation and mediation skills to help achieve successful resolution for our clients while working to maintain important relationships.

Experience

A distributee to an estate believed that the administratrix was personally collecting rents for use of Estate property. Hodgson Russ initiated a litigation in Sullivan County Surrogate's Court wherein it recovered on behalf of the Estate more than \$1 million of rent that the administratrix had collected and deposited into her personal bank accounts.

The estate plan of the family patriarch treated his two children equally. But, the month before he died, the patriarch made a substantial, and unusual, gift to one of his adult children from his hospital bed. On the day of trial, the adult child agreed to return the money to the patriarch's estate and widow.

Publications

NY Executive Order Allows Estate Planning Documents to be Executed Virtually
Hodgson Russ Trusts & Estates Alert, April 8, 2020

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