



ALAN J. LAURITA

Partner, Oil & Gas Practice Leader

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Alan draws from more than 30 years of experience as an attorney and former business executive in the oil and gas industry to assist oil and gas companies in the full range of their legal needs. His experience includes representing exploration and production companies in all aspects of the domestic oil and gas industry. He has also represented larger landowners in connection with leasing property for oil and gas development, and landowner organizations in connection with oil and gas issues. His real estate practice includes handling the sale and purchase of real property and representing lending institutions and borrowers in secured loan transactions.

Alan's oil and gas industry experience includes serving as senior vice president of Envirogas Inc., a large, privately held oil and gas exploration and production company that, before it ceased operations, had more than 1,600 wells primarily in the northern Appalachian Basin and was the largest operator in New York. His work at Envirogas included supervising the company's land department; coordinating all drilling operations; handling purchase, sale, and mortgage transactions and title work; negotiating resolutions of transactional and other types of disputes; and representing the company before regulatory agencies such as the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and the New York State Public Service Commission.

Honors

- Listed, *Best Lawyers in America* (Real Estate Law) 2013 - 2021, 2023 - 2024
- *Who's Who in American Law*
- *Buffalo Law Journal's* Legal Elite of Western New York

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Practices & Industries

Environmental
Oil & Gas
Real Estate Development

Admissions

New York
U.S. District Court for the Western
District of New York

Education

University at Buffalo, B.S.
University at Buffalo School of Law,
J.D.

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Experience

Hodgson Russ represented an independent oil and gas company in the acquisition of approximately 100 miles of pipelines and associated rights of way in New York.

Hodgson Russ represents several oil and gas companies in defending lawsuits alleging pollution resulting from drilling activities.

Hodgson Russ represented an independent oil and gas company in the acquisition of various leasehold interests and existing oil and gas wells, including negotiation of operating and related agreements for properties in Texas and Oklahoma.

On an annual basis, Hodgson Russ attorneys prepare private placement memoranda, including tax opinions, for an independent oil and gas company to offer units to accredited investors in limited partnerships that will invest in the drilling of oil and natural gas wells.

Hodgson Russ provided title opinions to several oil and gas companies for the drilling of oil and gas wells at locations in New York and Pennsylvania.

In the News

Largest Buffalo commercial real estate law firms 2020
Buffalo Business First, September 11, 2020

Fifty-Five Hodgson Russ Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers* 2014
August 28, 2013

Q&A With Hodgson Russ's Alan Laurita
Law360, March 20, 2013

Fifty-Four Hodgson Russ Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers* 2013
August 30, 2012

Alan J. Laurita Joins Hodgson Russ LLP in the Firm's Buffalo Office
May 9, 2011

Press Releases

83 Hodgson Russ LLP Attorneys Ranked in 2024 Edition of *Best Lawyers in America*
August 17, 2023

71 Hodgson Russ Attorneys Ranked in 2023 Edition of *Best Lawyers in America*
Hodgson Russ Press Release, August 19, 2022

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55 Hodgson Russ Attorneys Ranked in 2021 *Best Lawyers in America*
Hodgson Russ Press Release, August 20, 2020

52 Hodgson Russ Attorneys Named to Various *Best Lawyers* Listings
Hodgson Russ Press Release, August 20, 2019

48 Hodgson Russ Attorneys Named to Various *Best Lawyers* Listings
Press Release, August 15, 2018

Alan Laurita Receives Industry Leader Award at Northeast Oil & Gas Awards Dinner
Press Release, March 2, 2018

Fifty-two Hodgson Russ Attorneys Named to 2018 *Best Lawyers* Listing, Five Included in “Lawyer of the Year” Categories
Press Release, August 15, 2017

2017 *Best Lawyers* Names Fifty-four Hodgson Russ Attorneys From Multiple Offices
Hodgson Russ Press Release, August 18, 2016

Hodgson Russ Honored for Corporate Social Responsibility
Hodgson Russ Press Release, April 1, 2016

Fifty-Five Hodgson Russ Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers* 2016, Five Honored as Buffalo ‘Lawyers of the Year’
Press Release, August 17, 2015

Publications

EPA Finalizes Standards Impacting Hazardous Air Pollution Emissions at Gasoline Distribution Facilities
Hodgson Russ Environment & Energy Alert, March 29, 2024

NYSDEC Releases New Draft Guidance Related to Discharges of PFOA, PFOS and 1,4-Dioxane for Public Review and Comment
Hodgson Russ Environmental Alert, January 25, 2024

Updated Alert on Revised ASTM Standard
Hodgson Russ Environmental Alert, March 22, 2022

On the Horizon: A Revised ASTM Standard for Conducting Phase I Environmental Site Assessments
Hodgson Russ Environmental Alert, November 5, 2021

EPA Announces Two Proposed Rulemakings to Regulate PFAS Under RCRA
Hodgson Russ Environmental Alert, November 2, 2021

EPA Announces a Multifaceted Approach to Regulating PFAS
Hodgson Russ Environmental Alert, October 20, 2021

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New York City Adopts Climate Resiliency Law
Hodgson Russ Environmental and Renewable Energy Alert, March 24, 2021

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Proposes Regulations for Reducing Statewide Greenhouse Gas Emissions Through 2050
Hodgson Russ Environmental and Renewable Energy Alert, August 20, 2020

U.S. Department of Justice to Utilize Enforcement Discretion on “Overfiling” Authority for State-led Clean Water Act Civil Enforcement Matters
Hodgson Russ Environmental Alert, August 12, 2020

New York Adopts Aggressive Drinking Water Standards for Emerging Contaminants PFOA, PFOS, and 1,4-Dioxane
Hodgson Russ Environmental Alert, August 6, 2020

Presentations & Events

2018 Oil & Gas Legal Issues and Best Practices
Hodgson Russ LLP & IOGANY, Tamarack Club at Holiday Valley, Ellicottville, NY, April 10, 2018

Oil & Gas Association Annual Northeast Industry Summit
Westin Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA, March 1, 2018

Oil & Gas: What You Need to Know Now - A Continuing Dialogue on Important Issues Facing the Oil and Gas Industry
Hodgson Russ and the Independent Oil & Gas Association of New York, Webb's Year-Round Resort, Mayville, NY, January 22, 2015

HalfMoon LLC Seminar: New York Civil Engineering and Surveying Land Law
Buffalo, NY, October 28, 2011

Professional Affiliations

- Independent Oil & Gas Association of New York
- Pennsylvania Independent Oil & Gas Association
- Bar Association of Erie County