



## JOHN A. ALESSI

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John represents counties, cities, towns, villages, school districts, fire districts, utility districts, underwriters, and trustees on a wide range of general obligation bond financings. He has worked on complex refunding matters, tax and revenue note financings, and large capital project financings. He is also heavily involved in the planning of school and municipal projects and works closely with municipal advisors, architects and engineers, bond insurers, verification agents, escrow agents, and other market professionals.

John carries on the tradition of the public finance practice started by his father, Richard D. Alessi, who represented a large number of municipal issuers in Western New York for 40 years.

### Honors

- 2013 *Upstate New York Super Lawyers* Rising Stars
- Leadership Buffalo Class of 2011

### Experience

Hodgson Russ's bond counsel, real estate, environment and energy, and education law attorneys work together to assist school districts in capital improvement projects, including school districts' evaluation of environmental impacts under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The dozens of projects we have worked on include improvements such as new school buildings and sports facilities, additions to existing campuses, roadways, and reconstruction and renovation work.

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605 Third Avenue  
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### Practices & Industries

Municipal Finance & Special  
Districts  
Education  
Municipal  
Bond Counsel  
Public Authority

### Admissions

New York

### Education

Canisius College, B.S., magna cum  
laude

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## **In the News**

Hodgson Russ Announces New Partners  
January 1, 2011

University at Buffalo School of Law,  
J.D.

## **Press Releases**

Seventy Hodgson Russ Attorneys Named to *Super Lawyers* Listing  
August 2013

## **Publications**

U.S. Department of Education Announces Long-Awaited Final Title IX Regulations  
*Hodgson Russ Education Alert*, April 25, 2024

Alternative Instruction for Suspended Students  
*Hodgson Russ Education Alert*, October 20, 2023

NYSED to Begin Monitoring School District Websites for Compliance with Privacy  
Laws  
*Hodgson Russ Education Alert* , July 21, 2023

Orthodox Jewish Parent Group Challenges New York State Education Department  
Substantial Equivalency Regulations in State Court  
*Hodgson Russ Education Alert*, April 18, 2023

Updates to State Building Codes will Require Local Revisions: Given the Added  
Workload on Code Enforcement, Municipalities May Wish to Evaluate the  
Sufficiency of Local Permit Fees  
*Hodgson Russ Municipal Alert*, November 28, 2022

Educational Employee Health Care Worker Bonus Payments  
*Hodgson Russ Education Alert*, October 18, 2022

Alyssa's Law Signed by Governor: Encouraging Schools to Install Silent Panic  
Alarm Systems  
*Hodgson Russ Education Alert* , June 24, 2022

Mandating Low Carbon Concrete to Achieve Embodied Carbon Reductions in the  
Building Sector  
*Hodgson Russ Municipal Alert*, May 16, 2022



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Budget Bill Amends Assessment Challenges to Renewable Energy Projects Under Real Property Tax Law § 575-b  
*Hodgson Russ Renewable Energy & Municipal Alert*, May 3, 2022

New York State Legislature Amends Open Meetings Law to Allow for Videoconferencing  
*Hodgson Russ Municipal and Education Alert*, April 19, 2022

## **Presentations & Events**

39th Annual School Client Conference  
M-Hotel Buffalo, 2040 Walden Ave, Buffalo, NY 14225, January 12, 2024

38th Annual School Client Conference  
Buffalo Marriott Niagara 1340 Millersport Hwy, Amherst, NY 14221, January 13, 2023

School Client Conference Webinar Series 2021  
January 15, 22, and 29

Review of New 2020 School Budget Vote and Board Election Procedures and Timelines  
May 7, 2020

35th Annual School Client Conference  
Millennium Hotel, 2040 Walden Avenue, Buffalo NY 14225, January 17, 2020

2019 Municipal Law Seminar  
Millennium Hotel, 2040 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga, NY 14225, May 16, 2019

34th Annual School Client Conference  
Millennium Hotel Buffalo, January 18, 2019

Exempt Organizations Conference  
Amherst, New York, November 15, 2018

Municipal Law Seminar  
Millennium Hotel, 2040 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga, NY 14225, May 17, 2018

Preparing for IRS and SEC Scrutiny: Procedures and Training  
Hodgson Russ, 140 Pearl St, Buffalo, NY 14202, April 24, 2018

## **Professional Affiliations**

- National Association of Bond Lawyers
- Government Finance Officers Association
- New York State Association of School Business Officials
- Association of Towns of the State of New York

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- American Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association
- Bar Association of Erie County: Municipal Committee and School Law Committee (former Secretary)

