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Mohammed A. Alam is a member of the firm's Business Litigation Practice. He represents companies and corporations as both plaintiffs and defendants on various matters including commercial disputes and contract litigation. He also has experience in cannabis and hemp law as well as voting rights and election law.

Among Mohammed's clients are construction and development companies, banks, other financial institutions, utility providers, and both commercial landlords and commercial tenants. He also represents educational institutions, government entities and municipalities, as well as their officials, on a variety of litigation and regulatory matters in both state and federal court.

Understanding that no client or case is the same, Mohammed works to craft the best pathway toward a favorable outcome. He is known for his ability to anticipate potential changes in cases and pivot directions while always maintaining his clients' desired bottom line. In order to do this, Mohammed studies and researches a client's business in order to become proficient on the inner-workings of the organization. Through his research, Mohammed is able to envision the larger picture of a case allowing him to find the best solution for a client.

Mohammed strives to make his clients feel as comfortable as possible throughout a case. He works to present pertinent information to clients in a comprehensive manner thoughtfully and clearly outlining the direction a case may take as well as any potential setbacks a client may face.

Prior to joining Hodgson Russ, Mohammed pursued a variety of experiences including with the General Counsel of Deutsche Bank, the State Counsel Division at the New York Attorney General's Office, and within the Enforcement Department of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). He also has an extensive political and governmental background working with the White House, U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Senate, and the New York City Council. In addition, he has been involved in many campaigns ranging from presidential to local races.

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Practices & Industries

Business Litigation
Cannabis & Hemp
Government Relations
Media & First Amendment
Municipal
Product Liability & Complex Tort

Admissions

New York
District of Columbia
U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York

Education

The City University of New York -
Colin Powell School, B.A., magna
cum laude
University at Buffalo School of Law,
J.D.

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Honors

- Listed, *Upstate New York Super Lawyers* Rising Stars (General Litigation) 2023
- *City & State* Albany 40 Under 40, 2023
- Phi Beta Kappa Society
- Pi Sigma Alpha Society
- Skadden Arps Honors Scholar in Legal Studies, City College of New York
- David Kochery Award, University at Buffalo School of Law
- Certificate in Criminal Law Concentration, University at Buffalo School of Law
- New York City Program in Finance and Law, University at Buffalo School of Law

In the News

Who's Who in Government Relations: Notable New Yorkers advocating for policy changes at the city, state and federal levels.

City & State, July 24, 2023

Press Releases

55 Hodgson Russ LLP Attorneys Named to 2023 *Upstate New York Super Lawyers* List
August 23, 2023

Hodgson Russ LLP Attorney Named to *City & State* "2023 Who's Who in Government Relations" List
July 25, 2023

Hodgson Russ LLP Honored with 2023 New York State Bar Association President's Pro Bono Service Award
April 17, 2023

Hodgson Russ LLP Attorney Named to *City & State* "2023 Albany Rising Stars" List
March 8, 2023

Hodgson Russ LLP Attorney Named to *Lawyers of Color* 2022 Hot List
December 27, 2022

Publications

Supreme Court Provides Further Guidance on Public Officials First Amendment Rights on Social Media
Hodgson Russ Media & First Amendment and Municipal Alert, March 20, 2024

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Second Circuit Modifies Injunction and Opens the Door for Dispensaries in WNY

Hodgson Russ Cannabis & Hemp Alert, March 29, 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

NYS Facing First Lawsuit Over Retail Cannabis Dispensary Licensing Process

Hodgson Russ Cannabis & Hemp Alert, October 19, 2022

New York Releases Proposed Regulations for Packaging/Labeling and Marketing/Advertising Adult-Use Cannabis Products

Hodgson Russ Cannabis and Hemp Alert, July 7, 2022

New York Passes the Adult Survivors Act – Every Organization Should Prepare Now

Hodgson Russ Business Litigation Alert, May 25, 2022

Mandating Low Carbon Concrete to Achieve Embodied Carbon Reductions in the Building Sector

Hodgson Russ Municipal Alert, May 16, 2022

New York Court of Appeals Reverses Multimillion Dollar Verdict

Hodgson Russ Product Liability & Complex Tort Alert, May 10, 2022

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

Trends in Product Liability Litigation & Legislation in New York - May 2022

Hodgson Russ Product Liability Litigation & Legislation Quarterly Update, May 2022

Professional Affiliations

- Erie County Bar Association
- New York City Bar Association
- Muslim Bar Association of New York
- South Asian Bar Association of New York
- New York Democratic Lawyers Council

Community & Pro Bono

- Treasurer, University at Buffalo Law Alumni Association and Graduates of the Last Decade ("GOLD") Group
- Member, State Affairs and Government Ethics Committee, New York City Bar Association
- Member, Membership Committee, Erie County Bar Association
- Board of Directors, University at Buffalo School of Law Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) Group

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- Board Member, Volunteer Lawyers Project Rising Champions for Justice
- Treasurer, Young Democrats of America
- Youth Council Member, Democratic National Committee
- Next Generation Leader, American Constitution Society
- Board Member, Political Science Alumni Association at City College of New York
- Carnegie New Leader, Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs
- President Emeritus, Manhattan Young Democrats
- Former Treasurer, University at Buffalo School of Law Student Bar Association
- Former Clerk, *Buffalo Public Interest Law Journal*