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John concentrates his practice in U.S. securities regulation and compliance, mergers and acquisitions, and corporate law and governance. He is active in the firm's U.S.-Canada Practice and regularly counsels Canadians on U.S. securities, investment management, and corporate law matters. He has extensive experience in public and private securities offerings, venture capital and private equity transactions and executive compensation arrangements. He also has extensive experience in shareholder disputes and related litigation, including appraisal and NYBCL 1104 and 1104-a dissolution proceedings.

John is a co-author of the Practical Law Company module on New York business corporation law.

John exclusively practices U.S. law and is admitted to practice in New York.

Honors

- Listed, *Best Lawyers in America* (Corporate Law) 2009 - 2024
- Listed, *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, (Corporate and Mergers & Acquisitions) 2019 - 2023

Select Experience

For client Integer Holdings Corporation (NYSE : ITGR), a medical device outsourcing (MDO) manufacturer:

- Acquisition of Lake Region Medical from affiliates of KKR/Bain.
- Disposition of the Advanced Surgical & Orthopedics business to Viant Group.
- Tax-free spin-off of Nuvectra Corporation (Nasdaq : NVTR), a neuro modulation device developer.
- Acquisition of US Bio Design LLC.

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Practices & Industries

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- Acquisition of Israel-based Inomec Ltd.

For client Summer Street Capital Partners, a private equity sponsor:

- Acquisition and subsequent sale of portfolio company, Multisorb Technologies Inc., a world leader in active packaging solutions for the pharma, food and electronics markets.
- Acquisition of portfolio company Ira Green Holdings, Inc., the leading manufacturer and distributor of U.S. military decorations, insignia and uniform accessories.
- Acquisition and subsequent sale of portfolio company Willcare, a NY-based home care provider.

For client Rand Capital Corporation (Nasdaq : RAND), an SEC-registered business development company (BDC):

- Stock sale and externalization of investment management to affiliates of East Asset Management.

In the News

Carol A. Fitzsimmons, John J. Zak Named Co-Chairs of Hodgson Russ LLP
Attorney At Law Magazine, February 5, 2024

Buffalo is Losing Four of its Few Public Companies. What Does That Mean?
Buffalo Business First, September 5, 2023

New Developments in Opportunity Zone Investing
Buffalo Business First, July 1, 2019

New Developments in Opportunity Zone Investing
Albany Business Review, June 24, 2019

Merger litigation tax 'racket' challenged
Buffalo Law Journal & Business First, March 20, 2017

Press Releases

Carol A. Fitzsimmons, John J. Zak Named Co-Chairs of Hodgson Russ LLP
February 5, 2024

Mergers & Acquisitions

Private Funds

Professional Services

Public Offerings, Private Placements
& Corporate Finance

Renewable Energy

Securities Regulation & Corporate
Compliance

Admissions

New York

Education

University at Buffalo, B.A.

Cornell Law School, J.D.

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

Hodgson Russ LLP Receives Multiple Top Marks from *Chambers USA Guide 2023*
June 6, 2023

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

Hodgson Russ Receives Top Marks for *Chambers USA 2022 Guide*
Hodgson Russ Press Release, June 2, 2022

55 Hodgson Russ Attorneys Ranked in 2022 Edition of *Best Lawyers in America*
Hodgson Russ Press Release, August 19, 2021

Hodgson Russ Receives Top Marks for *Chambers USA 2021 Directory*
Hodgson Russ Press Release, May 26, 2021

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

Hodgson Russ Receives Top Marks for *Chambers USA 2020 Directory*
Hodgson Russ Press Release, April 24, 2020

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

Publications

New York Public Service Commission Commences Grid of the Future Proceeding
Hodgson Russ Renewable Energy Alert, April 23, 2024

Appellate Court Clarifies Scope of Required CLCPA Compliance and Confirms Ripeness Under SAPA for Challenges to Agency Declaratory Rulings
Hodgson Russ Renewable Energy Alert, April 3, 2024

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

SEC Adopts Final Climate Change Disclosure Rules
Hodgson Russ Corporate & Securities Alert, March 28, 2024

Inter-Agency Fire Safety Working Group Releases Proposed Revisions to NYS Fire Code Related to Battery Energy Storage Systems
Hodgson Russ Renewable Energy Alert, February 22, 2024

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Applicant's Partial Loss of Site Control Results in First ORES Denial of Section 94-c Permit Application

Hodgson Russ Renewable Energy Alert, February 20, 2024

FY 2025 Executive Budget: Governor Hochul Proposes to Expedite and Consolidate Environmental Review and Permitting for Major Renewable Electric Generation and Transmission Facilities

Hodgson Russ Renewable Energy Alert, January 23, 2024

National Grid Petition Seeks Retroactive Cost Increases From Multiple Solar Projects, Ability to Increase Costs on Future Projects

Hodgson Russ Renewable Energy Alert, January 16, 2024

NYSERDA Reports on the Impacts of the Inflation Reduction Act and Submits Proposal Stretching Funding for Additional Solar Capacity

Hodgson Russ Renewable Energy Alert, January 11, 2024

2024 Draft Solar and Wind Valuation Model Under Real Property Tax Law § 575-b Released for Public Comment

Hodgson Russ Renewable Energy & Municipal Alert, January 3, 2024

Presentations & Events

Public Company Update 2024

Hodgson Russ LLP, January 31, 2024

Public Company Update 2022

Hodgson Russ LLP, January 28, 2022

Public Company Update 2021

Hodgson Russ LLP, January 28, 2021

Public Company Update 2020

Hodgson Russ LLP, January 30, 2020

New Developments in Opportunity Zone Investing

The Desmond Hotel Albany, Albany, NY, June 26, 2019

New Developments in Opportunity Zone Investing

The Buffalo Club, May 22, 2019

Public Company Update 2019

Hodgson Russ, Buffalo, NY, February 12, 2019

Public Company Update 2018

Hodgson Russ LLP, January 24, 2018

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Public Company Update 2017
Hodgson Russ LLP, January 26, 2017

Presentation to Erie Co. Bar Association: Securities Law for the General Practitioner
April 17, 2013

Professional Affiliations

- New York State Bar Association Business Law Section Securities Law Subcommittee
- American Bar Association Section on Corporation, Banking, and Business Law

Community & Pro Bono

- Shea's O'Connell Preservation Guild Ltd. Board of Trustees (Shea's Performing Arts Center) (2007-2020), Past Chair (2017-2019)
- Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors (2014-2024), Past Chair (2019-2024)
- Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra Society, Inc. Board of Trustees (Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra), Treasurer; member, Executive Committee