

HODGSON RUSS PARTNER YUEH-MEI KIM NUTTER NAMED MANAGING PARTNER OF FLORIDA OFFICES

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Yueh-Mei Kim Nutter, a partner in Hodgson Russ LLP's Florida Family & Marital and Business Litigation Practice Groups, has been named managing partner of the firm's Florida offices, located in Boca Raton and Palm Beach. Ms. Nutter follows James M. Hankins as managing partner of the Florida offices. Mr. Hankins will continue to serve the firm's clients as a partner in the firm's Real Estate & Finance Practice Group.

Gary M. Schober, president and CEO of Hodgson Russ, says, "We are confident Kim will perform this job with much skill, vision, and energy. She is an excellent lawyer with terrific managerial skills, and she has a lot to contribute to our clients with business and personal interests in Florida."

Mr. Schober also noted, "James has provided many years of outstanding service and leadership. He has played a key role in our expansion and continued success in Florida, and we are grateful for all of his efforts and dedication to the firm and its clients."

Ms. Nutter concentrates her practice in the area of civil litigation with a particular focus on family law. She is a Florida Supreme Court certified family mediator, and she has been certified by the Board of Legal Specialization and Education of the Florida Bar as a specialist in marital and family law. Ms. Nutter currently serves as co-chair of the Mediation Committee of the South Palm Beach County Bar Association and chair of the Guardian Ad Litem Subcommittee of the Family Law Section of the Florida Bar. She is also a founding member of Collaborative Family Lawyers of South Florida, Inc.

Mr. Hankins has extensive experience in real estate law and condominium association work. He is certified by the Board of Legal Specialization and Education of the Florida Bar as a specialist in real estate law. He also practices in the areas of trust, corporate, charitable foundation, banking, and business law. A recipient of *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite Award in 2005 and 2006, Mr. Hankins is active in various charitable and civic endeavors in the Boca Raton community. He currently serves as the president and trustee of the Harid Conservatory and the Sunburst Foundation.

Hodgson Russ attorneys offer creative, effective legal solutions to clients involved in national and international business operations. We facilitate transactions around the world and in practically every substantive area of law, generally using multidisciplinary work teams to serve the specific, often complex, needs of our clients. We serve public and privately held businesses, ranging from Fortune 500 to mid-sized to emerging and high-growth companies; government entities; nonprofit institutions; and individuals. Our clients with business or personal interests in Florida benefit from our extensive experience in a range of essential areas, including international, federal, multistate, state, and local tax; business litigation; employment and immigration; real estate and finance; estates and trusts; and family and marital. Because Hodgson Russ's presence in Florida has grown significantly since we opened our first office in the state more than 30 years ago, we now have a Palm Beach office in addition to our office in Boca Raton. Hodgson Russ also has offices in New York City, Buffalo, Albany, and

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Johnstown, New York; and Toronto, Ontario.

