

HODGSON RUSS PARTNER RICHARD B. RAYMER NAMED MANAGING PARTNER OF TORONTO OFFICE

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Richard B. Raymer, a partner in Hodgson Russ LLP's Corporate & Securities and International/Cross-Border Practice Groups, has been named managing partner of the firm's Toronto office. Mr. Raymer follows George J. Eydt, a partner in the same practice groups.

Gary M. Schober, president and CEO of Hodgson Russ, says, "We are confident Richard will perform this job with much skill, vision, and energy. He is one of the youngest attorneys to become managing partner of one of our offices, and he has a lot to contribute to the Toronto office and community."

Mr. Raymer concentrates his practice on advising Canadian companies regarding U.S. corporate law issues, with a focus on access to U.S. capital markets, corporate structures, and cross-border mergers and acquisitions. Born in Montreal, he speaks fluent French. He is the author of several articles, including one on comparative mergers and acquisitions law in Canada and the U.S. The International/Cross-Border Practice Group is a team of U.S. lawyers dedicated to serving the needs of Canadian and other international companies and their professional advisors relative to business expansion into the United States.

Hodgson Russ is one of the few law firms with a full-time office in Toronto devoted exclusively to practicing U.S. law.

Hodgson Russ has more than 230 attorneys practicing in all major areas of law and one of the largest Canadian practice groups among U.S. law firms. As licensed foreign legal consultants in Ontario, Hodgson Russ attorneys advise Canadian clients on U.S. legal issues affecting cross-border business operations in the United States. Our attorneys have counseled Canadian clients for more than 50 years, with an emphasis on corporate and securities work. Established in 1817, Hodgson Russ is one of the oldest law firms in the United States. Hodgson Russ has two offices in New York, New York, and offices in Albany, Buffalo, and Johnstown, New York; Boca Raton and Palm Beach, Florida; and Toronto, Ontario.

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