

HODGSON RUSS PARTNER JASON E MARTEL NAMED TO FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER BOARD

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Jason E. Markel, a partner in Hodgson Russ LLP's Business Litigation and Torts, Insurance & Products Liability Practice Groups, has been named to the board of directors of the Family Justice Center (FJC).

The FJC brings professionals and services together under one roof to help victims of family violence. The FJC provides a coordinated, efficient, and user-friendly system that decreases barriers, improves the delivery of services to victims, and increases victim safety as well as offender accountability. Services from police officers, prosecutors, forensic medical professionals, probation officers, legal advocates, shelter service professionals, chaplains, support services professionals, and a supervised waiting area for children while clients are meeting with center professionals are available to help victims through a difficult transitional period.

Mr. Markel concentrates his practice on general civil litigation, including commercial disputes, products liability, and general personal injury/insurance defense in state, federal, and appellate courts. Mr. Markel also devotes a substantial portion of his practice to Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) compliance consulting and the representation of manufacturers, contractors, nursing homes, sawmills, and other businesses in connection with OSHA inspections, including resultant OSHA citations, penalties, contest proceedings, and general compliance matters.

With more than 230 attorneys practicing in all major areas of law, Hodgson Russ is among the 200 largest law firms headquartered in the United States. It is one of approximately 100 firms in the country listed in *America's Greatest Places to Work With a Law Degree*. In June 2005, Hodgson Russ received the Carol S. Knox Family-Friendly Employer Award from the Capital District Women's Bar Association. Established in 1817, Hodgson Russ is among 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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