

PAUL R. COMEAU ELECTED TO BUSINESS COUNCIL OF NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Attorneys

Paul Comeau

Paul R. Comeau, chair of Hodgson Russ LLP, was recently elected to the board of directors of the Business Council of New York State.

Mr. Comeau has been at Hodgson Russ LLP for his entire 32-year career as a lawyer. He works out of the Firm's Buffalo, New York City, and Boca Raton offices and is licensed to practice law in both Florida and New York. His practice concentrates in taxation, business planning, and estate planning, and he is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*. He serves as co-editor of *New York Tax Service* and co-editor of *New York Tax Cases*, and he is co-chair of the Multistate Tax Committee of the New York State Bar Association Tax Section.

The Business Council of New York State is a statewide business organization working to build an economic renaissance for New York State and its people. It advocates public policies that will improve the business climate and provides services to help its member companies succeed in their businesses.

With more than 220 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. The Firm, which was established in 1817 and is among the oldest law firms in the United States, is the only law firm that can count two former U.S. presidents, Millard Fillmore and Grover Cleveland, among its alumni. Hodgson Russ has seven offices: Albany, Buffalo, and Johnstown, and two in New York, New York; Boca Raton, Florida; and Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

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