

# JOSEPH S. BROWN HONORED BY NATIONAL FEDERATION FOR JUST COMMUNITIES

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The National Federation for Just Communities (NFJC) presented its **2016 NFJC Leader Awards** at a luncheon held on January 27, 2016. Hodgson Russ Partner, Joseph S. Brown, Employment Litigation Practice Leader, received the organization's award for Community Service. Twenty-three local individuals and organizations were recognized as leaders in the community through their work on behalf of others.

Specializing in employment and business litigation, Joe regularly defends employers in suits involving harassment, discrimination, civil rights claims, and other labor matters. He has many favorable decisions in the US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and has a wealth of experience litigating complex business disputes.

At Hodgson Russ, Joe is the Diversity Partner and serves on the firm's Committee on Attorney Recruiting, Development, and Diversity. Committed to promoting inclusion in the legal profession, he is former president of the Minority Bar Association of WNY and a member of the Bar Association of Erie County. Joe is also an elected member of the NYS Bar Association's governing body, the House of Delegates.

Joe donates his time and expertise to several local organizations. He is on the board of Neighborhood Legal Services, Summit Foundation, Minority Bar Association of Western New York, Inc., and he is vice president at Buffalo Prep. He is a volunteer mentor for law school students at UB, and serves as a coach and judge at moot court competitions.

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