

# FIFTY-TWO HODGSON RUSS ATTORNEYS NAMED TO 2018 BEST LAWYERS LISTING, FIVE INCLUDED IN "LAWYER OF THE YEAR" CATEGORIES

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Fifty-two Hodgson Russ attorneys have been selected by their peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2018*. In addition, two Hodgson Russ attorneys were listed in *The Best Lawyers in Canada 2018*. Because *Best Lawyers* is based on an in-depth, peer-review survey in which attorneys cast votes on the legal abilities of lawyers outside their firm who practice in the same legal and geographic areas, inclusion in *Best Lawyers* may be considered a singular honor.

Hodgson Russ is also pleased to announce that five of its attorneys have been honored as 2018 "Lawyers of the Year" in Buffalo: Joseph L. Braccio, Litigation – Labor and Employment; Richard F. Campbell, Tax Law; Rick W. Kennedy, Environmental Law; Robert J. Olivieri, Mergers and Acquisitions Law; and Thomas R. Hyde, Trusts and Estates.

The names of all 52 of Hodgson Russ's included attorneys follow, along with the practice area or areas in which they are listed in the guide.

John P. Amershadian  
Banking and Finance Law

Joseph L. Braccio  
Employment Law – Management  
Labor Law – Management  
Litigation - Labor and Employment (*Lawyer of the Year*)

Peter K. Bradley  
Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

Jane Bello Burke  
Health Care Law

Richard F. Campbell  
Corporate Law  
Tax Law (*Lawyer of the Year*)

## Attorneys

Joseph Braccio  
Peter Bradley  
Jane Bello Burke  
Richard Campbell  
Katherine Cauley  
Paul Comeau  
Robert Conklin  
Catherine Eberl  
George Eydt  
Amy Fitch  
Carol Fitzsimmons  
Kenneth Friedman  
Kevin Gluc  
Richard Kaiser  
Rick Kennedy  
Alan Laurita  
Ryan Lucinski  
Lance Madden  
Michael Maxwell  
Michael O'Neill  
Adam Perry  
Hugh Russ III  
Gary Schober  
A. Joseph Scott III  
Jeffrey Stravino  
James Thoman  
Paul Vallone  
James Wadsworth  
Amy Walters

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Katherine E. Cauley  
Trusts and Estates

Paul R. Comeau  
Tax Law  
Trusts and Estates

Robert B. Conklin  
Bet-the-Company Litigation  
Commercial Litigation

John B. Drenning  
Corporate Law

Catherine B. Eberl  
Trusts and Estates

George Eydt (*Best Lawyers in Canada*)  
Corporate Law  
Franchise Law

David A. Farmelo  
Education Law  
Employment Law - Management  
Labor Law – Management

Amy J. Fitch  
Real Estate Law

Carol A. Fitzsimmons  
Tax Law

Robert B. Fleming, Jr.  
Antitrust Law  
Corporate Law

Kenneth P. Friedman  
Corporate Law  
Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Terrence M. Gilbride  
Construction Law  
Real Estate Law

Sujata Yalamanchili  
John Zak  
Benjamin Zuffranieri Jr.



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Kevin K. Gluc  
Trusts and Estates

Peter C. Godfrey  
Employment Law – Management  
Labor Law – Management

Garry M. Graber  
Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law  
Litigation – Bankruptcy

Pamela Davis Heilman  
Corporate Law  
Mergers and Acquisitions Law  
Non-Profit / Charities Law

Timothy W. Hoover  
Commercial Litigation  
Criminal Defense: White-Collar

Thomas R. Hyde  
Trusts and Estates (*Lawyer of the Year*)

Daniel P. Joyce  
Immigration Law

Ranjana Kadle, Ph.D.  
Patent Law

Richard W. Kaiser  
Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

Kevin M. Kearney  
Commercial Litigation

Rick W. Kennedy  
Environmental Law (*Lawyer of the Year*)

Mark S. Klein  
Litigation and Controversy - Tax  
Tax Law

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Robert J. Lane, Jr.  
Commercial Litigation  
Litigation - Intellectual Property  
Litigation - Patent  
Litigation – Securities

Alan J. Laurita  
Real Estate Law

Ryan J. Lucinski  
Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

Lance J. Madden  
Immigration Law

Arthur A. Marrapese III  
Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law  
Litigation – ERISA

Michael E. Maxwell  
Commercial Litigation  
Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants  
Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

Michael C. O'Neill  
Insurance Law

Daniel C. Oliverio  
Commercial Litigation

Robert J. Olivieri  
Corporate Compliance Law  
Corporate Governance Law  
Corporate Law  
Mergers and Acquisitions Law (*Lawyer of the Year*)  
Securities / Capital Markets Law

Mario J. Papa  
Corporate Law

Adam W. Perry  
Commercial Litigation

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Bonnie A. Redder  
Health Care Law

Hugh M. Russ, III  
Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

Victoria J. Saxon  
Banking and Finance Law (also in *Best Lawyers in Canada*)  
Real Estate Law

Gary M. Schober  
Corporate Law

A. Joseph Scott, III  
Public Finance Law

Jeffrey C. Stravino  
Commercial Litigation

James C. Thoman  
Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Paul J. Vallone  
Corporate Law

James M. Wadsworth  
Trusts and Estates

Amy P. Walters  
Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

Sujata Yalamanchili  
Real Estate Law

John J. Zak  
Corporate Law

Benjamin M. Zuffranieri, Jr.  
Bet-the-Company Litigation  
Commercial Litigation  
Litigation - Construction  
Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants

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