

VALERIE STEVENS NAMED HODGSON RUSS LLP'S NEW YORK CITY MANAGING PARTNER

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Hodgson Russ LLP is pleased to name Valerie E. Stevens as the managing partner of its New York City office. Valerie will lead that office and continue the firm's commitment to exceptional client service and growth. She will also oversee the professional development of her colleagues and support their continued involvement in the New York and New Jersey communities where they work and live.

"I'm thrilled to be taking on this new role and to lead a group of outstanding attorneys who are not only excellent colleagues, but mentors and friends," said Valerie. "Our team provides sophisticated and practical advice on our clients' most difficult legal challenges, and I'm looking forward to working with them to expand the firm's reach in the New York City area and beyond."

Valerie is an experienced corporate transactions attorney and will continue to advise clients on national and international middle market acquisition, divestiture, and joint venture transactions, as well as trade regulation and commercial matters. She is an alumnus of University of Toronto Law School and also holds an MPA from New York University. The firm's other NYC-based attorneys include specialists in business litigation, intellectual property and technology, real estate and finance, state and local tax, labor and employment, and estates and trusts.

Benjamin M. Zuffranieri, Jr., the firm's Managing Partner, added: "Delivering value to clients in New York City and surrounding areas is a strategic priority for the firm; Hodgson Russ is uniquely positioned to offer innovative and forward-thinking legal advice to the middle market. Valerie's track record of building long-term relationships, both with clients and with members of the Hodgson Russ team, will be instrumental to the continued success of our New York City office."

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