

HODGSON RUSS LLP TO WELCOME TEN ROCHESTER ATTORNEYS, EXPAND STATEWIDE ROLE

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Hodgson Russ LLP is pleased to announce that the ten attorneys constituting the Rochester, New York office of Ward Greenberg will join the firm, effective January 1, 2024. This addition will add broad litigation capability to our Rochester office and provide a more visible and robust platform, nearly doubling the size of the firm's existing Rochester footprint. Moreover, Hodgson looks forward to offering Ward Greenberg clients an enhanced range of services including Corporate, Finance, Tax, Real Estate, and IP.

The Ward Greenberg attorneys are highly regarded, deeply experienced trial attorneys who represent a range of businesses and not-for-profit clients. Their particular strengths are in business and employment litigation, higher education, healthcare, utilities, product liability, and medical malpractice.

The attorneys at Ward Greenberg have been recognized by various professional organizations for their legal achievement, including being rated by *Chambers USA* in both General Commercial Litigation and Labor & Employment. Each Ward Greenberg partner also has been listed in multiple categories of "Best Lawyers in America" and Ward Greenberg itself is recognized as a *Best Law Firms* Metropolitan Tier 1 firm in Rochester, NY, in 12 litigation practice areas (*Best Lawyers/Best Law Firms/U.S. News & World Report*). The Firm's lawyers have earned top ratings from Martindale Hubbell and other professional rating services. Their strong ties to the community and significant history of service on numerous not-for-profit Boards will enhance the firm's commitment to serving as a firm of choice throughout New York State.

"After serving the Rochester business community for over two decades as a boutique firm, we are excited by the opportunities to both our attorneys and our clients afforded by joining a full-service firm like Hodgson Russ," said Eric Ward of Ward Greenberg. "Our two firms have similar values – exceptional service for our clients, strong commitments to our communities and to our colleagues. By joining Hodgson Russ, our attorneys will continue providing the excellent level of service and capability that our clients have come to rely upon."

"Ward Greenberg's commitment to exceptional service and their positive firm culture is consistent with our mission and culture at Hodgson Russ," said Hodgson Russ Managing Partner Benjamin M. Zuffranieri Jr. "We are delighted to welcome the Rochester-based Ward Greenberg attorneys to the firm. Since reopening our Rochester office in 2019, we have been fortunate to attract exceptional local attorneys to our platform and with the addition of this talented group we expect that to continue and accelerate."

"The addition of these 10 attorneys represents our dedication to expanding our reach and capabilities, enhancing the value we offer our clients across New York State," said Hodgson Russ Chairman Mark Klein. "These professionals have received numerous accolades and recognition for their work and will complement our already robust group of attorneys who advise clients on legal issues impacting every aspect of their business and personal lives. It is another example of our continuing

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commitment to meet the evolving needs of our clients and the communities in which we serve.”

A full-service law firm with more than 200 attorneys, Hodgson Russ LLP helps clients maximize opportunities and resolve legal obstacles. Our attorneys utilize multidisciplinary work teams to meet clients’ specific, often complex needs. Clients include public and privately held businesses, governmental entities, nonprofit institutions, and individuals. Hodgson Russ has offices in Albany, Buffalo, Greensboro, Hackensack, New York City, Palm Beach, Rochester, Saratoga Springs, and Toronto. To learn more, visit www.hodgsonruss.com.

