



93 Hodgson Russ attorneys ranked in 2025 edition of Best Lawyers in America

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Buffalo, NY Hodgson Russ LLP released that 93 of its attorneys have been selected by their peers for inclusion in the 2025 edition of Best Lawyers in America listings.

Inclusion in Best Lawyers may be considered a singular honor because selection is based on an in-depth, peer-reviewed survey in which attorneys cast votes on the legal abilities of lawyers outside of their firm who practice in the same legal and geographic areas.

Five of the 93 attorneys have also been honored as 2025 Best Lawyers in America: Lawyers of the Year. This designation is “based on their extremely high overall feedback within specific practice areas and metropolitan regions.”

- Richard Campbell – corporate tax law;
- Christopher Canada – public finance law;
- Meghan DiPasquale – litigation – labor & employment, personal injury litigation – defendants;
- Catherine Eberl – trusts & estates;
- Eric Ward – mass tort litigation/class actions – defendants.

The names of all 93 Hodgson Russ attorneys named to the Best Lawyers in America 2025 edition are listed below along with the practice area(s) in which they are recognized. An asterisk (*) designates the Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch category.

Joshua M. Agins – Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Construction

Mohammed A. Alam * – Government Relations Practice

Christine A. Bonaguide – Corporate Law

Luisa D. Bostick * – Labor & Employment Law - Management

Joseph L. Braccio – Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, Litigation -

Labor & Employment

Peter K. Bradley – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

Jillian E. Brevorka – Trusts & Estates

Peter J. Brevorka – Litigation – Trusts & Estates, Trusts & Estates

Jane Bello Burke – Health Care Law

Amanda B. Burns – Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law, Litigation – Labor & Employment, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

Richard F. Campbell – Corporate Law, Tax Law

Christopher C. Canada – Economic Development Law, Public Finance Law

Katherine E. Cauley – Tax Law, Trusts & Estates

Thomas J. Collura – Corporate Law, Tax Law, Trusts & Estates

Paul R. Comeau – Tax Law, Trusts & Estates

Catherine Grantier Cooley – Commercial Litigation

Brandon R. Cottrell * – Banking & Finance Law, Project Finance Law, Real Estate Law

Ryan K. Cummings – Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Insurance, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

Joseph Curran – Commercial Litigation, Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

Thomas S. D’Antonio – Commercial Litigation, Education Law, Health Care Law, Litigation – Health Care, Litigation – Labor & Employment

John W. Dax – Energy Law

Meghan M. DiPasquale – Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Health Care, Litigation – Labor & Employment, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

Glen P. Doherty – Employment Law – Management

Ariele R. Doolittle * – Litigation & Controversy – Tax, Tax Law

Christopher L. Doyle – Tax Law

Reetuparna Dutta – Criminal Defense – White-Collar

Catherine B. Eberl – Trusts & Estates

Joseph N. Endres – Tax Law

Christofer C. Fattley – Banking & Finance Law, Commercial Finance Law

Joshua Feinstein – Health Care Law, Litigation – Health Care, Litigation – Labor & Employment

Craig M. Fischer – Corporate Law

Amy J. Fitch – Real Estate Law

Patrick T. Fitzgerald – Real Estate Law

Carol A. Fitzsimmons – Tax Law

Patrick E. Fitzsimmons * – Commercial Litigation, Criminal Defense: White-Collar

Rob Fluskey – Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Intellectual Property

Andrew J. Freedman – Labor Law – Management

Jodyann Galvin – Litigation – Securities

Andrea M. Gervais * – Banking & Finance Law, Real Estate Law

Kevin K. Gluc – Litigation – Trusts & Estates, Trusts & Estates

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

John M. Godwin – Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management

Michael J. Hecker – Environmental Law

Julia M. Hilliker – Commercial Litigation, Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

Patrick J. Hines * – Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

Elizabeth A. Holden – Real Estate Law

Scott R. Jennette – Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants, Professional Malpractice Law – Defendants

Richard W. Kaiser – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

Charles H. Kaplan – Labor Law - Management

Kevin M. Kearney – Commercial Litigation

Daniel P. Kelly – Tax Law

Rick W. Kennedy – Environmental Law

Mark S. Klein – Litigation & Controversy – Tax, Tax Law

Chelsea N. Latta * – Immigration Law

Alan J. Laurita – Real Estate Law

Graham S. Leonard * – Trusts & Estates

Ryan J. Lucinski – Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

Peter C. Lutz – Real Estate Law

Charles W. Malcomb – Land Use & Zoning Law, Litigation – Municipal, Municipal Law

Christopher Massaroni – Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation

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

Elizabeth D. McPhail – Employment Law – Management

Michelle Merola – Litigation & Controversy – Tax

Cristin L. Murray * – Corporate Law

Timothy P. Noonan – Tax Law

Michael C. O'Neill – Insurance Law

Matthew K. Parker * – Product Liability Litigation – Plaintiffs

Scott C. Paton – Appellate Practice, Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Construction

Adam W. Perry – Commercial Litigation

Emily J. Pfalzer * – Commercial Litigation

Rafael F. Pignataro * – Real Estate Law

Hugh M. Russ III – Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

Edmund J. Russell III – Banking & Finance Law, Closely Held Companies & Family Businesses Law, Corporate Governance Law, Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions Law

Peter Sahasrabudhe * – Commercial Litigation

Aaron M. Saykin – Commercial Litigation

Matthew Scherer * – Corporate Law

Gary M. Schober – Corporate Law

A. Joseph Scott III – Public Finance Law

Christian J. Soller – Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Labor & Employment

David M. Stark – Health Care Law

Jeffrey C. Stravino – Commercial Litigation

Melissa N. Subjeck – Commercial Litigation, Gaming Law

Jeffrey F. Swiatek – Education Law

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

William S. Turkovich * – Litigation & Controversy – Tax, Tax Law

Paul J. Vallone – Corporate Law

Amy P. Walters – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

Eric J. Ward – Commercial Litigation, Health Care Law, Litigation – Intellectual Property, Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants, Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

David J. Wilks – Immigration Law

Sujata Yalamanchili – Real Estate Law

John J. Zak – Corporate Law

Henry A. Zomerfeld * – Commercial Litigation, Energy Law, Environmental Law, Municipal Law

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

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