

# ACCOUNTANT PROFESSIONAL

The attorneys in the Hodgson Russ Accountant Professional Practice have cultivated long-standing advisory relationships with accounting professionals. Our attorneys know the challenges accountants face when dealing with the rapidly evolving tax and financial reporting area. We assist accountants and their clients with issues relating to tax, mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, financing and general commercial matters, cybersecurity, regulatory and compliance matters, professional liability, and litigation matters.

# Management and Operations

Hodgson Russ attorneys provide accounting firms, from solo practitioners to large multi-office firms, with a range of services to improve their internal operations and client services in order to prevent problems down the road. These services include best practices for client engagements and *Kovel* arrangements; professional ethics and legal compliance; and employee benefits and employment matters, including discrimination, non-competition, and wrongful termination cases.

To learn more about how Hodgson Russ can assist you with the matters relating to day-to-day and complex operational issues, please visit our Professional Services Practice page.

## Tax Laws and Legislation

Our tax lawyers are recognized for their exceptional track record, and our tax practice has been ranked "Best Law Firm" by Best Lawyers/U.S. News & World Report in the categories of National Tier 2 Tax Law and Litigation – Tax, Metropolitan Tier 1 Tax Law, and Metropolitan Tier 2 Litigation – Tax. To learn more about all the services Hodgson Russ tax attorneys provide, please visit these pages:

- Business Tax
- International Tax
- Tax Residency
- State & Local Tax
- Tax Credits
- Tax Dispute Resolution
- Tax Investigations & Defense
- Worker Classification & Employment Tax

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#### Litigation and Liability

We assist our accounting professional clients with avoiding litigation. Hodgson Russ provides counsel on managing difficult audit relationships, including exit strategies if necessary; subpoena compliance; regulatory compliance; and representation relating to investigatory testimony including government agencies. When litigation cannot be avoided, we defend auditing and other malpractice claims throughout the United States with a team that has deep experience in protecting auditors and accountants. To learn more about the services we offer in this area, please visit our Accountants Liability & Regulatory Practice page.

# Cybersecurity

Accounting firms hold clients' sensitive data as part of their day-to-day operations. The threat of a cybersecurity breach has consequently become a top concern for accounting professionals. Our attorneys offer assistance with cyber-protection planning, data breach remediation and response services, and related litigation. Please see our Cybersecurity & Privacy page description to learn more about how we can assist our clients in this area.

## **Private Wealth Matters**

Our attorneys frequently collaborate with accountants who represent clients on private wealth matters, estate and trust planning, philanthropic planning, foundation management, retirement plans, administration and taxation, and domicile planning. Please visit our Private Wealth Planning Practice page to learn more.

# Matrimonial Law

Hodgson Russ attorneys collaborate with accountants to assist their clients with the complex issues that arise during and after changes in family relationships. To learn about the wide range of services Hodgson Russ offers in this area, please visit our Matrimonial Law & Wealth Preservation Practice page.

## In the News

New York Tribunal Says Siblings Received Distributions, Not Loans *Tax Notes*, March 4, 2022

# Presentations & Events

Tax Strategy Series: Domicile and State Residency March 22, 2023



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Advanced *Kovel* Issues for Accountants December 8, 2020

Refresher on *Kovel* Accountant Issues and Subpoenas October 22, 2020

2020 Hodgson Russ/CCH (Summer) Tax Webinar Series Wednesdays, May 6 - June 17

2019 Summer Tax Series Understanding New York State Tax Issues of 2019 The Harvard Club 35 W. 44th Street, New York, NY, June 12 - August 7, 2019