



## JAMES M. WADSWORTH

Retired Partner, Chairman Emeritus

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Jim has retired from practice after serving firm clients in our Trusts & Estate practice, and the Buffalo community, in a number of roles.

### Honors

- Buffalo Renaissance Foundation Man of the Year, 2013
- Listed, "Lawyer of the Year" in *Best Lawyers in America* (Trusts and Estates) 2020
- Listed, *Best Lawyers in America* (Trusts and Estates) 2012 - 2022
- Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society Red Jacket Award, 2005

### Experience

Jim has represented numerous clients in connection with estate planning and estate administration and accounting matters in Surrogate's Courts. He has also provided advice and representation regarding estate tax matters with the IRS. In addition, he has served as executor of many estates and is trustee of numerous trusts for clients and charitable organizations.

### In the News

Fifty-Five Hodgson Russ Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers* 2014  
August 28, 2013

Five Questions With...James Wadsworth  
*Buffalo Law Journal*, May 20, 2013

James M. Wadsworth Named Buffalo Renaissance Foundation's Man of the Year  
May 9, 2013

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140 Pearl Street  
Suite 100  
Buffalo, NY 14202

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440 Royal Palm Way  
Suite 202  
Palm Beach, FL 33480  
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### Bar Associations

New York State Bar Association  
The Florida Bar  
Bar Association of Erie County

### Admissions

New York  
Florida

### Education

Princeton University, A.B.  
Stanford University Law School, L.  
L.B.

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Oishei Foundation Was Built on Fortune Made in Windshield Wipers  
*Buffalo News*, September 25, 2012

Fifty-Four Hodgson Russ Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers* 2013  
August 30, 2012

A Matter of Degrees: Q&A With Jim Wadsworth  
*Buffalo Law Journal*, May 18, 2009

Robert Gioia and the Oishei Foundation: Catalysts for Change in WNY  
*Buffalo Spree*, March 2007

James M. Wadsworth Receives Red Jacket Award  
November 14, 2005

## Press Releases

55 Hodgson Russ Attorneys Ranked in 2022 Edition of *Best Lawyers in America*  
*Hodgson Russ Press Release*, August 19, 2021

55 Hodgson Russ Attorneys Ranked in 2021 *Best Lawyers in America*  
*Hodgson Russ Press Release*, August 20, 2020

52 Hodgson Russ Attorneys Named to Various *Best Lawyers* Listings  
*Hodgson Russ Press Release*, August 20, 2019

48 Hodgson Russ Attorneys Named to Various *Best Lawyers* Listings  
*Press Release*, August 15, 2018

Fifty-two Hodgson Russ Attorneys Named to 2018 *Best Lawyers* Listing, Five Included in “Lawyer of the Year” Categories  
*Press Release*, August 15, 2017

2017 *Best Lawyers* Names Fifty-four Hodgson Russ Attorneys From Multiple Offices  
*Hodgson Russ Press Release*, August 18, 2016

Fifty-Five Hodgson Russ Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers* 2016, Five Honored as Buffalo ‘Lawyers of the Year’  
*Press Release*, August 17, 2015

Three Hodgson Russ Partners Named to *Buffalo Business First* Power 250  
*Press Release*, February 10, 2014

## Publications

SECURE Act Brings Major Changes to Retirement and Estate Planning  
*Hodgson Russ Trusts & Estates Alert*, December 27, 2019

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Estate and Gift Tax Exclusions Increase to \$11.58 Million in 2020

*Hodgson Russ Trusts & Estates Alert*, November 18, 2019

Amendment to New York NPCL Impacts Not-for-Profit Corporations with Sole Member Governance Structures

*Hodgson Russ Tax-Exempt Organizations Alert*, June 19, 2019

Tax Cuts and Jobs Act Ushers in Big Changes to the Estate and Gift Tax

*Estates and Trusts Alert*, December 27, 2017

Additional Amendments to the Nonprofit Revitalization Act of 2013 Become Law

*Tax-Exempt Organizations Alert*, December 1, 2016

Relief in Sight for New York Nonprofits with Prospect of Additional Amendments to the Nonprofit Revitalization Act of 2013

*Tax-Exempt Organizations Alert*, July 28, 2016

Recent Amendments to the New York Nonprofit Revitalization Act of 2013

*Tax-Exempt Organizations Alert*, December 15, 2015

New York's Estate Tax System Undergoes Major Overhaul

*JD Supra*, April 4, 2014

Major Changes Expected to New York State's Estate Tax System

*JD Supra*, January 28, 2014

2013 Federal Tax Rate Update

*Federal/International Tax Alert*, January 4, 2013

## **Presentations & Events**

How Solid Is Your Foundation? A Guide to Foundation Repair

Hodgson Russ, Buffalo, NY, June 9, 2009

## **Professional Affiliations**

- Trustee, Robert and Patricia Colby Foundation
- Trustee, Mulroy Family Foundation
- Trustee, the Carlos and Elizabeth Heath Foundation
- Waste Technology Services advisory board
- Society of the Buffalo board of directors
- Buffalo Sabres Foundation board of directors
- Chair, Buffalo Tennis and Squash Preservation Foundation

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### **Community & Pro Bono**

Jim is the chairman of one of the largest foundations in the Buffalo area, the John R. Oishei Foundation, the chairman of the Board of Forest Lawn Cemetery, and chairman of the Shaw Festival Foundation. He is also a member of the board of directors of Launch NY, Calspan-University of Buffalo Research Center (CUBRC), the Niagara Community Center, and the Sabah Foundation. Formerly, Jim was a member of the board of governors of the Shaw Festival Theatre and a trustee of Nichols School and the Elmwood Franklin School. He was also a director of the Albright Knox Art Gallery, the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra Society, the Boys and Girls Club of Buffalo and Erie County, the Western New York Public Broadcasting Association, the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County, the Institute for Arts in Education of Western New York, and the Stanford University Law School Board of Visitors. He is also former president and a member of the board of the Buffalo Club, the Buffalo Tennis and Squash Club, and Cherry Hill Club.