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Valerie advises businesses in financial services and other regulated industries, manufacturing, and other sectors on a variety of corporate matters. She regularly works with all types of businesses in connection with corporate governance, internal reorganizations, and transformative transactions, including acquisitions, mergers, and divestitures.

Valerie's practice is focused on mergers and acquisitions, guiding clients through all stages of acquisition and divestiture transactions. In addition, she also advises clients on all aspects of their procurement and supply operations, and negotiates a wide variety of commercial agreements, including distribution, purchase, supply, service and license agreements. Further, she regularly works to help clients avoid litigation in key risk areas through negotiated resolutions of commercial disputes, product warranty and other product liability claims.

Valerie also counsels clients on a variety of antitrust and trade regulation matters, including competitor collaborations, distribution arrangements, MAP policies, mergers and acquisitions and associated Hart-Scott-Rodino filings, and corporate compliance.

Honors

- Former associate editor, Wagner Review
- Martin L. Friedland Prize for best student article and Cassels Brock & Blackwell
 Prize for best article in the issue award, University of Toronto Faculty of Law Review,
 2006
- Associate editor, University of Toronto Faculty of Law Review, 2005

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Practices & Industries

Corporate & Business

Antitrust, Trade Regulation & Anticorruption

Banking & Finance

Corporate Governance & Compliance

Corporate Trust

Europe-U.S. Cross-Border

Financial Services

Government Relations

Manufacturing

Mergers & Acquisitions

Private Funds

Professional Services

Tax-Exempt Organizations

Admissions

New York

Education

Queen's University, B.A., honors with distinction

University of Toronto, J.D., with honors

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Experience

New York University, M.P.A.

A Hodgson Russ team represented a Finnish HVAC company in its acquisition of Italian-based competitor. Our services included mergers and acquisitions advice and representation in a U.S. Department of Justice post-closing antitrust investigation.

Counsel to U.S. industrials business in connection with its sale to EU investors.

Represented a U.S. publicly-traded financial institution in the acquisition of a U.S. equipment lending company.

Represented founders of a U.S. consumer products business in the sale of the company to sponsor buyer.

Represented partner in a U.S. consumer products business in connection with the exit of the equal partner.

Represented sponsor-owned European portfolio company in the acquisition of a U.S. manufacturing corporation.

A team of Hodgson Russ attorneys led by John J. Zak represented long-time client, Integer Holdings Corporation, in a \$600 million disposition of its Orthopedics and Advanced Surgical business lines to Viant Group. The transaction involved the sale of stock and assets representing operations in several countries, including the United States, Mexico, Germany and France. Hodgson Russ advised on all aspects of the transaction, including preparation of a transition services agreement, coordinated with local counsel and handled the company's subsequent early redemption of its outstanding high-yield bonds. The Hodgson Russ team consisted of Craig M. Fischer, Cristin L. Murray, Matthew R. Scherer (securities regulations and corporate), Andrew D. Oppenheimer (international and business tax); Ryan M. Murphy and Richard W. Kaiser (employee benefits), Christofer C. Fattey (banking and finance), Michael J. Hecker (environmental), and Valerie E. Stevens (antitrust and trade regulation).

U.S. counsel to sponsor-owned EU industrials business in connection with its sale to a non-U.S. publicly-traded buyer.

U.S. counsel to sponsor-owned EU industrials business in connection with its sale to a U.S. publicly-traded buyer.



In the News

Cross-border M&A will continue to deal with aggressive antitrust enforcement in 2024 Canadian Lawyer Magazine, February 21, 2024

Cadence Bank Announces Agreement to Sell the Insurance Operations of Cadence Insurance to Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. Cadence Bank (Press Release), October 24, 2023

M&T Bank Corporation Announces Agreement to Sell M&T Insurance Agency to Arthur J. Gallagher & Co MarketScreener, September 30, 2022

Valerie Stevens Featured in *Law 360 Law 360*, September 16, 2022

People's United Bank Agrees to Sell People's United Insurance Agency to AssuredPartners Yahoo! Finance, September 22, 2020

Five Hodgson Russ Attorneys Admitted to New York State Bar April 11, 2007

Press Releases

Valerie Stevens Named Hodgson Russ LLP's New York City Managing Partner Hodgson Russ Press Release, September 12, 2022

Hodgson Russ Announces Five Newly Elected Partners, Four Attorneys Promoted to Senior Associate Press Release, January 10, 2017

Publications

Warning: Don't Ignore Your Customers' Secured Lenders, You Could be Required to Pay Twice! Hodgson Russ Banking & Finance Alert, March 27, 2023

The Collapse of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank and FDIC Receiverships Generally Hodgson Russ Banking & Finance Alert, March 13, 2023

FTC Announces Increased HSR and Interlocking Directorate Thresholds for 2023 Hodgson Russ Antitrust, Trade Regulation & Anticorruption Alert, January 25, 2023

FTC Announces Increased HSR and Interlocking Directorate Thresholds - 2022 Hodgson Russ Antitrust, Trade Regulation & Anticorruption Alert, January 28, 2022

New York State Legislative Developments For Tax-Exempt Organizations/Nonprofits Hodgson Russ Tax-Exempt Organizations Alert, December 15, 2021



Recent Developments For Tax-Exempt Organizations/Nonprofits Hodgson Russ Tax-Exempt Organizations Alert, November 10, 2021

New Nonprofit Filing Requirements with NYS Department of State Hodgson Russ Tax-Exempt Organizations Alert, May 14, 2021

Recent COVID-19 Developments for Tax-Exempt Organizations/Nonprofits Hodgson Russ Tax-Exempt Organizations Alert, May 13, 2021

SBA Issues Interim Final Rule to Implement the American Rescue Plan Act's Modifications to the Paycheck Protection Program

Hodgson Russ COVID-19 Litigation and Employment Action Team Alert, March 25, 2021

SBA Issues Updated PPP FAQ and Clarifies Interplay between the Necessity Certification and 25% Revenue Reduction Test for Second Draw Loans

Hodgson Russ COVID-19 Litigation and Employment Action Team Alert, March 11, 2021

Presentations & Events

Public Company Update 2024 Hodgson Russ LLP, January 31, 2024

2023 Summer Tax Series

Hodgson Russ LLP, 605 Third Avenue, New York, New York, June 21 - August 2, 2023

Public Company Update 2022

Hodgson Russ LLP, January 28, 2022

A Primer on Pricing: Before, During, and After COVID-19

December 9, 2020

Acquiring a Company in the United States: Market and Legal Update for European Companies June 16, 2020

Introduction to Forming a U.S. Entity

February 27, 2020

Introduction to U.S. Commercial Contracts for European Companies

November 19, 2019

Webinar: U.S. Corporate Entity Options and the Corresponding Tax Implications for European Companies January 24, 2019

Breakfast Seminar: Learn about the different types of U.S. entities and the corresponding tax implications New York, New York, November 15, 2018

Dissecting the Budget Bill and What it Means for LHCSAs



605 Third Avenue, Suite 2300, New York, NY 10158, May 23, 2018