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Nathaniel assists clients with intellectual property, contract, and corporate matters. Much of Nathaniel's practice focuses on patent law, including the preparation and prosecution of patent applications, due diligence projects, and opinion work. Nathaniel also regularly advises clients on intellectual property strategy issues. He has supported patent portfolio development for entities ranging from Fortune 500 corporations to universities and startups. His areas of experience include semiconductor capital equipment; semiconductor and solar cell designs; ion implantation; optical and imaging systems; industrial chemicals; superconductors; nanomaterials; silicon wafer production; metal alloys; biomedical devices; touch screens and displays; and image processing algorithms.

Nathaniel also has experience helping European companies expand into the United States, handling general corporate and complex intellectual property matters. Specifically, Nathaniel has helped startups and mid-sized corporations from Belgium, the Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Hungary, Latvia, and Lithuania grow their U.S. businesses or develop their global patent portfolios. Besides helping obtain patent protection, his work with European companies includes corporate formation, sales agreements, joint development agreements, and intellectual property licenses.

Nathaniel is a member of the firm's startup and cleantech practices, where he frequently counsels emerging companies about intellectual property, contract, and corporate issues.

Prior to joining Hodgson Russ, Nathaniel spent more than five years as in-house intellectual property counsel at a semiconductor capital equipment manufacturer in Massachusetts. While there, his responsibilities included patent preparation and prosecution, patent and trademark portfolio management, patent reexamination, patent infringement matters, due diligence projects, negotiating license agreements, managing government contracts, and opinion work. Nathaniel also managed aspects of a multibillion-dollar acquisition.

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Admissions

New York
Massachusetts
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

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In addition to his work with clients, Nathaniel also is a co-host of the Hodgson Russ LLP podcast, “[The Semi Interesting Podcast](#).” As a host, Nathaniel takes his experience in semiconductor manufacturing to highlight legal issues in the global semiconductor industry. In each episode, he is joined by attorneys and executives to highlight some of the issues facing the industry, as well as to offer some practical takeaways.

Honors

- Listed, *Upstate New York Super Lawyers* Rising Stars (Intellectual Property) 2021 - 2023
- Editor's Award, *New Hampshire Bar Journal*, 2007
- At Franklin Pierce Law Center, Nathaniel was lead articles editor for *IDEA: The Intellectual Property Law Review*.

In the News

Cadence Bank Announces Agreement to Sell the Insurance Operations of Cadence Insurance to Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

Cadence Bank (Press Release), October 24, 2023

Hodgson Russ Team Wins Dismissal of Patent Case
April 2023

People's United Bank Agrees to Sell People's United Insurance Agency to AssuredPartners

Yahoo! Finance, September 22, 2020

Thought Leaders: Startups
Buffalo Business First, January 31, 2020

In Our Community
WECK 100.5/102.9 FM, June 15, 2019

Buffalo Business First - Thought Leaders: Building blockchain: Industry leaders discuss cryptocurrency technology
Buffalo Business First, October 19, 2018

European CleanTech Companies Face IP Hurdles When Expanding in U.S.
CleanTechIQ, February 21, 2018

Education

Clarkson University, B.S.

Franklin Pierce Law Center (now University of New Hampshire School of Law), J.D., cum laude

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Smart Evolution Should Be Your Patent Strategy Motto
ALM's Corporate Counsel, December 15, 2015

Why Tesla Is Taking a Big Risk by Opening Up Its Patents
LXBN TV, July 23, 2014

Nathaniel W. Lucek Joins Hodgson Russ
June 20, 2013

Press Releases

55 Hodgson Russ LLP Attorneys Named to 2023 *Upstate New York Super Lawyers* List
August 23, 2023

Hodgson Russ LLP Honored with 2023 New York State Bar Association President's Pro Bono Service Award
April 17, 2023

Hodgson Russ LLP Launches "The Semi Interesting Podcast"
January 19, 2023

Fifty-Nine Hodgson Russ Attorneys Ranked in 2022 Edition of *Upstate New York Super Lawyers*
Hodgson Russ Press Release, August 23, 2022

Fifty-Four Hodgson Russ Attorneys Ranked in 2021 Edition of *Upstate New York Super Lawyers*
Hodgson Russ Press Release, August 20, 2021

Hodgson Russ Announces Eight Newly Elected Partners, Five Attorneys Promoted to Senior Associate
Press Release, January 8, 2019

Hodgson Russ Attorney Lucek Named Secretary General of the Belgian-American Chamber of Commerce
Press Release, November 27, 2018

Hodgson Russ Announces Five Newly Elected Partners
Press Release, December 30, 2014

Publications

The Battle After *Warhol*: Tattoos as Artwork or Infringement?
Hodgson Russ Intellectual Property Litigation Alert, April 24, 2024

AI Lawsuit May Eclipse Claims of Fair Use
Hodgson Russ Intellectual Property Litigation Alert, April 5, 2024

Music Copyrights on a Roll – Read and Listen to Hear the Latest
Hodgson Russ Intellectual Property Litigation Alert, October 6, 2023

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Federal Circuit Set to Rehear Case En Banc Impacting the Longstanding Test for Design Patent Obviousness
Hodgson Russ Design Protection & Design Patents Alert, August 9, 2023

Taco Bell Throws Its Hat in the Ring to Free “Taco Tuesday” from Trademark Protection
Hodgson Russ Intellectual Property Litigation Alert, May 30, 2023

What’s in Your “Secret Sauce?” The FTC’s Proposed Rule to Ban Noncompetes and Considerations for Food and Beverage Businesses
Hodgson Russ Food & Beverage Alert, May 3, 2023

Copyright Claims of Cosmetic Company Continue to Trial
Hodgson Russ Intellectual Property Litigation Alert, March 23, 2023

Chick-fil-A Confirms Data Breach
Hodgson Russ Food & Beverage Alert, March 20, 2023

Luxury Fashion Designer Earns Its Stripes In Trademark Victory Against adidas
Hodgson Russ Intellectual Property Litigation Alert, January 27, 2023

McDonald’s Faces Class Action Lawsuit Over Sexual Harassment, Hostile Work Environment Accusations
Hodgson Russ Food & Beverage Alert, January 4, 2023

Presentations & Events

U.S. Readiness
BelCham, April 22 - 26, 2024

Intellectual Property Protection & Enforcement: Protecting Your Most Valuable Assets
Bar Association of Erie County, Hodgson Russ, 140 Pearl Street, Buffalo, NY 14202, October 12, 2023

Nathaniel Lucek and Sarah Grimaldi Speak at Cleantech Open Northeast Event
Cleantech Open Northeast, June 22, 2023

Intellectual Property Protection & Enforcement Webinar Series
April 20, May 25, and June 22, 2023

US Readiness Online Immersive 6.0
BelCham, June 20, 2023

Nathaniel Lucek Mentors and Judges at North Country Regional Business Plan Competition
North Country Regional Business Plan Competition in Saranac Lake, April 24, 2023

U.S. Legal Issues for European Companies Webinar Series
February 24, 2023

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When and How do You Start a Company in the USA?

Islandsstofa, November 30, 2022

Virtual Bridge Market Entry Program – Getting Started in the U.S.

Finnish American Chamber of Commerce, March 14, 2022

Virtual Bridge Market Entry Program – Legal Issues in Financing, M&A, and Fundraising

Finnish American Chamber of Commerce, March 9, 2022

Blog Posts

- Pack Smarter When Preparing a Patent Application for Europe

Startup Talk, August 9, 2016

Professional Affiliations

- Speaker & Mentor: Baltic-Armenian @ Jacobs (BAJ) Accelerator
- Co-Chair of Intellectual Property, Computer, and Entertainment Law Committee, Bar Association of Erie County
- Former Chair of the Law School Outreach Program Subcommittee, American Intellectual Property Law Association

Community & Pro Bono

- Secretary General, Belgian-American Chamber of Commerce
- Former Shakespeare in Delaware Park Board of Directors (2016-2022)