



## CHRISTOPHER MASSARONI

Partner

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Christopher Massaroni is a trial attorney with experience in many substantive areas, including complex commercial disputes, personal injury and product liability cases, class action litigation, employment matters, construction claims and challenges to the authority of New York State officials. He has successfully litigated cases in federal and state courts throughout New York State, and in numerous other states and he often appears before New York State agencies and investigative bodies.

Chris regularly represents businesses, individuals, public officials and governmental entities in sensitive and contested matters, involving novel cases presenting unique issues of law. His class action experience includes the defense of data breach claims, claims against retailers, and wage and hour claims. He often addresses insurance issues, including coverage disputes and claims of bad faith, and represents a major New York medical malpractice insurance carrier.

Chris has extensive experience in the litigation of corporate disputes, including those involving claims of shareholders, ownership disputes, allegations of breach of fiduciary duty and intellectual property issues. He also represents management in a variety of labor and employment matters, including discrimination and wrongful termination claims, grievances and claims of unlawful union activities.

In the personal injury field, Chris has been selected by many national corporations to handle their self-insured personal injury defense claims in Upstate New York, including mass tort and complex product liability cases. He also represents accident victims in wrongful death and major injury cases, and has recovered many millions of dollars on behalf of those clients.

Chris is a contributing author to a Matthew Bender publication, *Personal Injury Defense Techniques*. Because of his expertise in the areas of litigation, trial techniques, corporate disputes and employment matters, Chris is often a speaker at continuing legal education seminars on these topics.

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### Practices & Industries

Business Litigation  
Class Action Litigation  
Construction  
Corporate & Business  
Employment Litigation  
Intellectual Property Litigation  
Labor & Employment  
Non-Compete, Non-Solicit & Trade Secrets  
Product Liability & Complex Tort

### Admissions

New York  
U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York  
U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York  
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

### Education

Union College, B.A., summa cum

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Prior to joining Hodgson Russ, Chris was a shareholder at the law firm of McNamee Lochner.

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Cornell Law School, J.D.

## Honors

- Listed, *Best Lawyers in America* (Commercial Litigation) 2015 - 2024
- Listed, *Upstate New York Super Lawyers* (Business Litigation) 2010 - 2023
- Fellow, New York State Bar Foundation
- Martindale Hubbell AV Rating

## Experience

Representation of a prominent New York State government official in defense of claims challenging his approval of certain expenditures of State funds (NYS Supreme Court, New York County). Matter handled prior to joining Hodgson Russ.

Representation of a technology/data storage company in defense of class action data breach claims (New York State Supreme Court, Warren County). Matter handled prior to joining Hodgson Russ.

Representation of a retail company in the defense of class action claims alleging deceptive sales practices. (NYS Supreme Court, Kings County). Matter handled prior to joining Hodgson Russ.

Representation of a New York State-based project financing board and its members in litigation relating to the funding for the replacement of a bridge located in New York City. (NYS Supreme Court, Albany County). Matter handled prior to joining Hodgson Russ.

Representation of a teenager who suffered a traumatic brain injury in a major automobile crash (settlement in excess of \$1 million). Matter handled prior to joining Hodgson Russ.

Representation of the trustee of a testamentary trust in a dispute as to the ownership of shares of a long-time family business. (NYS Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Department). Matter handled prior to joining Hodgson Russ.

Representation of a technology company in the prosecution of claims of trademark infringement, cyberpiracy and unfair competition. (U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York). Matter handled prior to joining Hodgson Russ.



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Representation of a company and its owners in defense of class action claims accusing the company of violating federal and state wage and hour laws. (U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York). Matter handled prior to joining Hodgson Russ.

## **In the News**

New York State Attorney General's Cuomo investigation: What an Albany attorney says to expect  
*Albany Business Review*, March 12, 2021

Area law practice helps revitalize buildings and grounds at Yaddo  
*The Saratogian*, October 13, 2020

Law firm volunteers to spiff up Yaddo  
*Times-Union*, October 9, 2020

Industry Roundtable: Business Reopening Challenges  
*Albany Business Review*, July 17, 2020

Industry Roundtable: Restrictive Covenants  
*Albany Business Review*, April 17, 2020

## **Press Releases**

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

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

71 Hodgson Russ Attorneys Ranked in 2023 Edition of *Best Lawyers in America*  
*Hodgson Russ Press Release*, August 19, 2022

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

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

Sixty-Two Hodgson Russ Attorneys Named to 2020 *Upstate New York Super Lawyers*  
*Hodgson Russ Press Release*, September 8, 2020

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

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Hodgson Russ Adds 5 Lawyers in the Capital District  
*Hodgson Russ Press Release*, September 3, 2019

## **Publications**

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

FTC Adopts Rule Banning Most Non-Competes and the Legal Slugfest Begins  
*Hodgson Russ Non-Compete, Non-Solicit, and Trade Secrets Alert*, April 24, 2024

New York State’s “Freelance Isn’t Free” Act – What Employers Need to Know  
*Hodgson Russ Labor & Employment Alert*, April 18, 2024

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

Employees Enjoy a Private Right of Action Under Changes to New York City Earned Safe and Sick Time Act  
*Hodgson Russ Labor & Employment Alert*, March 7, 2024

NY General Obligations Law Amended to Limit Further Pro-Employer Provisions in Settlement Agreements  
*Hodgson Russ Labor & Employment Alert*, January 23, 2024

New Year - New Statute of Limitations for Complaints filed with the New York State Division of Human Rights  
*Hodgson Russ Labor & Employment Alert*, December 29, 2023

New York State Increases Minimum Wage and Modifies Other Salary Requirements  
*Hodgson Russ Labor & Employment Alert*, December 22, 2023 - CORRECTED\*

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

Wage Theft In New York Is Now Criminal Larceny  
*Hodgson Russ Labor & Employment Alert*, October 3, 2023

## **Professional Affiliations**

- New York State Bar Association
- American Association for Justice
- New York State Trial Lawyers Association
- National Association of Dealer Counsel
- Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel