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John represents counties, cities, towns, villages, school districts, fire districts, utility districts, underwriters, and trustees on a wide range of general obligation bond financings. He has worked on complex refunding matters, tax and revenue note financings, and large capital project financings. He is also heavily involved in the planning of school and municipal projects and works closely with municipal advisors, architects and engineers, bond insurers, verification agents, escrow agents, and other market professionals.

John carries on the tradition of the public finance practice started by his father, Richard D. Alessi, who represented a large number of municipal issuers in Western New York for 40 years.

Honors

- 2013 *Upstate New York Super Lawyers* Rising Stars
- Leadership Buffalo Class of 2011

Experience

Hodgson Russ's bond counsel, real estate, environment and energy, and education law attorneys work together to assist school districts in capital improvement projects, including school districts' evaluation of environmental impacts under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The dozens of projects we have worked on include improvements such as new school buildings and sports facilities, additions to existing campuses, roadways, and reconstruction and renovation work.

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Practices & Industries

Municipal Finance & Special
Districts
Education
Municipal
Bond Counsel
Public Authority

Admissions

New York

Education

Canisius College, B.S., magna cum
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In the News

Hodgson Russ Announces New Partners
January 1, 2011

University at Buffalo School of Law,
J.D.

Press Releases

Seventy Hodgson Russ Attorneys Named to *Super Lawyers* Listing
August 2013

Publications

U.S. Department of Education Announces Long-Awaited Final Title IX Regulations
Hodgson Russ Education Alert, April 25, 2024

Alternative Instruction for Suspended Students
Hodgson Russ Education Alert, October 20, 2023

NYSED to Begin Monitoring School District Websites for Compliance with Privacy
Laws
Hodgson Russ Education Alert , July 21, 2023

Orthodox Jewish Parent Group Challenges New York State Education Department
Substantial Equivalency Regulations in State Court
Hodgson Russ Education Alert, April 18, 2023

Updates to State Building Codes will Require Local Revisions: Given the Added
Workload on Code Enforcement, Municipalities May Wish to Evaluate the
Sufficiency of Local Permit Fees
Hodgson Russ Municipal Alert, November 28, 2022

Educational Employee Health Care Worker Bonus Payments
Hodgson Russ Education Alert, October 18, 2022

Alyssa's Law Signed by Governor: Encouraging Schools to Install Silent Panic
Alarm Systems
Hodgson Russ Education Alert , June 24, 2022

Mandating Low Carbon Concrete to Achieve Embodied Carbon Reductions in the
Building Sector
Hodgson Russ Municipal Alert, May 16, 2022



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Budget Bill Amends Assessment Challenges to Renewable Energy Projects Under Real Property Tax Law § 575-b
Hodgson Russ Renewable Energy & Municipal Alert, May 3, 2022

New York State Legislature Amends Open Meetings Law to Allow for Videoconferencing
Hodgson Russ Municipal and Education Alert, April 19, 2022

Presentations & Events

39th Annual School Client Conference
M-Hotel Buffalo, 2040 Walden Ave, Buffalo, NY 14225, January 12, 2024

38th Annual School Client Conference
Buffalo Marriott Niagara 1340 Millersport Hwy, Amherst, NY 14221, January 13, 2023

School Client Conference Webinar Series 2021
January 15, 22, and 29

Review of New 2020 School Budget Vote and Board Election Procedures and Timelines
May 7, 2020

35th Annual School Client Conference
Millennium Hotel, 2040 Walden Avenue, Buffalo NY 14225, January 17, 2020

2019 Municipal Law Seminar
Millennium Hotel, 2040 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga, NY 14225, May 16, 2019

34th Annual School Client Conference
Millennium Hotel Buffalo, January 18, 2019

Exempt Organizations Conference
Amherst, New York, November 15, 2018

Municipal Law Seminar
Millennium Hotel, 2040 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga, NY 14225, May 17, 2018

Preparing for IRS and SEC Scrutiny: Procedures and Training
Hodgson Russ, 140 Pearl St, Buffalo, NY 14202, April 24, 2018

Professional Affiliations

- National Association of Bond Lawyers
- Government Finance Officers Association
- New York State Association of School Business Officials
- Association of Towns of the State of New York

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- American Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association
- Bar Association of Erie County: Municipal Committee and School Law Committee (former Secretary)

