



## KEVIN M. KEARNEY

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In addition to serving as the firm's general counsel, Kevin's practice focuses on federal court litigation. He has defended clients in securities and antitrust class actions, and litigated a wide variety of corporate governance disputes. He also devotes a substantial portion of his practice to advising other lawyers on professional responsibility and malpractice issues, and on state and federal appellate issues.

Kevin clerked for Judge James L. Oakes of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and for Associate Justice Harry A. Blackmun of the U.S. Supreme Court during the October 1988 term. After his federal clerkships, Kevin served as a confidential advisor to Judge Howard M. Holzmann of the Iran/U.S. Claims Tribunal at The Hague, which dealt with a variety of public and private international law issues.

### Honors

- Listed, *Best Lawyers in America* (Commercial Litigation) 2007 - 2020, 2022 - 2024
- Listed, *Upstate New York Super Lawyers*, (Business Litigation) 2020 - 2023
- ECBA Volunteer Lawyers Project Immigration Award Recipient, 2020
- Fr. Bissonette Pro Bono Award, Erie County Bar Association, 2017
- *Buffalo Business First/ Buffalo Law Journal's* Legal Elite of Western New York, 2014
- New York Bar Association Pro Bono Award for the Eighth Judicial District, 2001
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Rating
- Former editor-in-chief, *Emory Law Journal*

### Experience

Kevin has represented clients in complex federal litigation for over twenty-five years, including criminal and civil antitrust, class-action defense, and corporate governance matters. He also serves as the Firm's General Counsel and often counsels

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### Practices & Industries

Business Litigation

### Admissions

New York

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York

U.S. District Court, Western District of New York

U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania

U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

### Clerkships

Associate Justice Harry A. Blackmun, U.S. Supreme Court (October 1988 term)

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other lawyers on legal ethics and professional obligations.

## In the News

Law firm provides props, insight for 'Marshall'  
*Buffalo Law Journal*, June 20, 2016

Legal Elite's Top 10: Best of the Best  
*Buffalo Law Journal*, September 26, 2014

Q&A With Hodgson Russ' Kevin Kearney  
*Law360*, December 21, 2009

## Press Releases

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

83 Hodgson Russ LLP Attorneys Ranked in 2024 Edition of *Best Lawyers in America*  
August 17, 2023

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

## Presentations & Events

Local And State Government Law Section Spring 2021 Forum (Part 2): Ethics Of  
Leaving Public & Private Legal Employment & Virtual Court Appearances  
NYSBA, May 20, 2021

Best Practices: Working with the Press, Moderator  
Hodgson Russ, 140 Pearl St, Buffalo, NY, February 2, 2018

Public Company Update 2016  
Hodgson Russ, Buffalo, NY, January 21, 2016

Public Company Update 2015  
Hodgson Russ, Buffalo, NY, December 10, 2014

## Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association

Judge James L. Oakes, U.S. Court of  
Appeals for the Second Circuit

Judge Harold Holtzmann, Iran-U.S.  
Claims Tribunal, The Hague,  
Netherlands

## Education

Boston College, B.A., summa cum  
laude

Boston College, M.A.

Emory University School of Law  
(Woodruff Fellow in Law), J.D., with  
distinction

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- Bar Association of Erie County

### **Community & Pro Bono**

- President, Erie County Volunteer Lawyers Project, 2010 – present
- Director, Erie County Volunteer Lawyers Project, 2004 – present
- Local Rules Committee for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York, 2002