

HODGSON RUSS NUMBER ONE IN BUFFALO WHO'S WHO IN LAW

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Twenty-three Hodgson Russ LLP attorneys are listed in the *Business First/Buffalo Law Journal* 2008 Who's Who in Law directory — making Hodgson Russ the most-represented law firm in this year's installment of the directory.

Attorneys are selected for inclusion through a peer-nomination process that asks Western New York lawyers to share the names of attorneys to whom they would refer particular types of matters.

In the directory, **Gary M. Schober**, president and CEO of Hodgson Russ, is quoted in an article examining how law firms in Buffalo are seizing opportunities during a period of economic downturn and a drop-off in demand for legal services at large law firms nationwide. "We didn't just sit back and wait for the economy to improve," Mr. Schober said in the article. "We used the time to improve our core business."

The Hodgson Russ attorneys listed in the *Business First/Buffalo Law Journal* 2008 Who's Who in Law, along with the practice areas for which they are recognized, are:

John P. Amershadian — Banking
Paul R. Comeau — Tax
Robert B. Fleming — Corporate & Securities
Terrence M. Gilbride — Real Estate
Garry M. Graber — Bankruptcy
Thomas R. Hyde — Trusts & Estates
Ranjana Kadle — Intellectual Property
Sharon M. Kelly — Nonprofit Law
Rick W. Kennedy — Environmental
Karl W. Kristoff — Education
Robert J. Lane — Civil Litigation
Lance J. Madden — Immigration
Michael E. Maxwell — Personal Injury
Bonnie A. Redder — Health Care
Michael B. Risman — Municipal
Hugh M. Russ III — Insurance
Victoria J. Saxon — Banking
Joseph V. Sedita — Criminal Law

Attorneys

Paul Comeau
Rick Kennedy
Karl Kristoff
Lance Madden
Michael Maxwell
Michael Risman
Hugh Russ III
Gary Schober
Benjamin Zuffranieri Jr.

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Daniel A. Spitzer — Energy, Municipal

Patrick M. Tomovic — Insurance

Ellen V. Weissman — Health Care

John J. Zak — Corporate & Securities

Benjamin M. Zuffranieri — Construction

