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Attorneys

Andrew Freedman

Hodgson Russ LLP is pleased to share that [Andrew J. Freedman](#), a partner at the firm, has been selected to serve on The Minority Bar Foundation of Western New York's Board of Directors. The Foundation was formed in 2004 to advance education and scholarship in the field of law, working to ensure "continued minority representation in the profession and empower future leaders to help shape the justice system in Western New York and throughout New York State."

Andrew serves in several leadership roles not only at Hodgson Russ, but also throughout the state. He is currently the firm's Diversity Partner, working to support diversity and inclusion initiatives within the firm and our communities. Andrew serves on the Bar Association of Erie County's Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee. He is also the Board President of Buffalo United Charter School and on the Board of Directors for the New York State Association of School Attorneys.

Andrew focuses his practice on education law and has extensive experience counseling school districts and charter schools on the full range of complex legal challenges they face. He has represented schools in proceedings before New York courts and administrative appeals to the Commissioner of Education. He advises school boards on their powers and duties under the New York State Education Law. He also represents schools in matters related to special education litigation, labor and employment law, and student services. In addition, Andrew serves as co-leader of the Hodgson Russ Food & Beverage Practice, focusing on compliance issues including the New York State Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling Law.

An alumnus of the University at Buffalo School of Law, Andrew was named one of the top education law attorneys by his peers in *Business First's* "Who's Who in Law" on numerous occasions. He currently teaches Education Law as an adjunct professor at Buffalo State University in the Education Administration Program.

A full service law firm with more than 200 attorneys, Hodgson Russ LLP helps clients maximize opportunities and minimize legal obstacles. Our attorneys utilize multidisciplinary work teams to meet clients' specific, often complex needs. Clients include public and privately held businesses, governmental entities, nonprofit institutions, and individuals. Hodgson Russ has offices in Albany, Buffalo,

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