

In today's global marketplace, companies and individuals face challenges from every direction. But where others see obstacles, attorneys in the Hodgson Russ Immigration Practice Group see opportunities for clients to expand, diversify, and reach a higher level of success.

From multinational corporations and entrepreneurs to athletes, entertainers, physicians, and specialized workers, the Immigration Practice Group provides clients with advice on immigration issues ranging from routine to very complex.

Extensive experience

The Hodgson Russ Immigration Practice Group has more than 25 years of experience in the field of immigration law. Our attorneys are skilled in handling a broad range of immigration issues for businesses and individuals, including:

- ▶ Representing large, multinational companies in connection with the temporary employment of professionals and intra-company transfers, the periodic entry of business visitors, and the permanent employment of foreign workers
- ▶ Counseling U.S. employers on all aspects of employment eligibility and verification and related unlawful discrimination practices
- ▶ Representing foreign entrepreneurs and investors
- ▶ Representing foreign athletes and entertainers entering the United States for professional work, events, and performances
- ▶ Representing foreign corporations of all sizes expanding or relocating to the United States
- ▶ Representing hospitals as well as foreign nurses and physicians entering the United States to pursue graduate medical education or clinical practice
- ▶ Representing foreign scientists and researchers
- ▶ Advising individual foreign nationals and foreign diplomats with respect to a wide range of immigration issues, including family-based immigration sponsorship
- ▶ Representing Canadian professionals seeking to work under the immigration provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)

The right connections

Our experience and ability to provide high-quality legal services are enhanced by our regular interactions with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service's four regional service centers—giving us great familiarity with each center's practices and procedures—and by the experience of members of our group who have previously worked for the Immigration Service. In addition, our attorneys frequently work with U.S. consular posts throughout the world to assist clients in obtaining visas to enter the United States to live and work.

Members of the Immigration Practice Group have significant experience filing a broad range of petitions and applications for non-immigrant and immigrant visas with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and work regularly with the U.S. Department of Labor as part of the labor certification process.

Meeting your needs

Hodgson Russ's employment-based immigration practice is tailored to the needs of our domestic and international clients, including the acquisition of permanent residence (green cards) in the United States. We have extensive experience assisting clients in acquiring a multitude of non-immigrant visas, including H-1B, L-1, E-1, E-2, O-1 and P-1, among others.

In addition to our business immigration work, our family-based immigration practice includes a broad range of services to assist U.S. citizens and permanent resident aliens in bringing their families together, including a full complement of non-immigrant and immigrant services.

In addition, we have significant experience in the area of employment verification (I-9 compliance), in accordance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act.

Many Hodgson Russ immigration clients also take advantage of our excellent legal counsel from other areas within the firm, including international tax planning, business reorganization or restructuring, intellectual property, and real estate.

For more information, please contact:

Lance Madden, Practice Group Leader
716.848.1250
lmadden@hodgsonruss.com

Attorneys

Robert N. Gottfried
rgottfried@hodgsonruss.com

Elizabeth Klarin
eklarin@hodgsonruss.com

Eileen M. Martin
emartin@hodgsonruss.com

Lizabeth A. Martin
lmartin@hodgsonruss.com

James G. Meagley
jmeagley@hodgsonruss.com

Glenn M. Rissman
grissman@hodgsonruss.com

Jeffrey F. Swiatek
jswiatek@hodgsonruss.com

Margot L. Watt
mwatt@hodgsonruss.com

Paralegals

Robin J. Kim
rkim@hodgsonruss.com

Susan T. Lipp
slipp@hodgsonruss.com

Norma A. Potrós
npotros@hodgsonruss.com

Tammy A. Wisley
twisley@hodgsonruss.com

Offices

1540 Broadway, 24th Floor, New York, NY 10036
Tel.212.751.4300 Fax.212.751.0928

60 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10165
Tel.212.661.3535 Fax.212.972.1677

150 King Street West, Suite 2309, P.O. Box 30
Toronto, ON M5H 1J9
Tel.416.595.5100 Fax.416.595.5021
Practice restricted to U.S. law.

1801 N. Military Trail, Suite 200, Boca Raton, FL 33431
Tel.561.394.0500 Fax.561.394.3862

450 Royal Palm Way, 6th Floor, Palm Beach, FL 33480
Tel.561.656.8608 Fax.561.656.8609

The Guaranty Building, 140 Pearl Street, Suite 100
Buffalo, NY 14202
Tel.716.856.4000 Fax.716.849.0349

677 Broadway, Suite 301, Albany, NY 12207
Tel.518.465.2333 Fax.518.465.1567

55 East Main Street, Suite 100, Johnstown, NY 12095
Tel.518.736.2900 Fax.518.736.8165