

Hodgson Adds Ex-Barclay Tax Pro To Energy Team

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Law360 (June 9, 2023, 2:15 PM EDT) -- Hodgson Russ LLP announced that a former Barclay Damon partner experienced in advising energy clients on property tax matters will join the firm's environment and energy practice in Rochester, New York.

Hodgson announced in a news release Thursday that Emanuela D'Ambrogio was joining the firm as a partner. D'Ambrogio has spent her 20-year career helping energy clients negotiate fair assessments as well as helping her clients attain property tax exemptions, the release said. She also advises nonprofits on tax exemption and regulatory compliance matters, according to the firm.

D'Ambrogio said she felt the team at Hodgson and her were a good match, with practitioners supporting renewable energy and wind clients and her doing a hybrid of both.



Emanuela D'Ambrogio

"It made sense. I think I round out the experience and I enhance for them their property tax platform," D'Ambrogio told Law360.

One of D'Ambrogio's more notable experiences, she told Law360, was in representing a power company that owned assets in New York City. D'Ambrogio said she and her team were able to get the company a \$7 million tax refund.

An example of her work helping with property tax exemptions came recently when a municipality levied a property tax assessment on a developmental disability organization she represented. D'Ambrogio and her team secured a full refund and exemption for the nonprofit.

"For a nonprofit that's operating on a very tight budget, that's a lot of money, so I'm very proud of those cases," D'Ambrogio said. "They may be small scale, but those are meaningful to me."

Hodgson's environmental practice leader and partner, Mike Hecker, told Law360 that D'Ambrogio joining the team would add to Hodgson's bench and its multidisciplinary renewable practice.

D'Ambrogio "really helps us with buttressing and providing additional expertise and bench strength," Hecker said.

According to the release, D'Ambrogio also advises clients on eminent domain proceedings through all stages.

Managing Partner Benjamin M. Zuffranieri Jr. said in the release that D'Ambrogio, "expands our strength in state and local tax issues through her experience in the real property tax area, particularly serving the renewable energy industry."

D'Ambrogio received her law degree from Syracuse University College of Law and her bachelor of arts from LeMoyne College.

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