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<p>Hodgson adds attorneys to expand education practice: The father-son legal team of Bernard and Andrew Freedman, who most recently practiced with a Syracuse firm, joined Buffalo's Hodgson Russ LLP. They brought with them the 10 school districts they represented, joining Hodgson's practice, which included 80 districts.</p>	<p>Andrew Freedman said that a year after joining Hodgson Russ, business is booming in the education practice group. He said the phones have been ringing in the wake of changes in school law stemming from the Dignity for All Students Act, as well as the controversial APPR directive governing teacher evaluations in New York state. Freedman called the last 12 months "the best year even professionally."</p>	<p>He expects both the APPR and DASA to remain hot-button issues in the year ahead.</p> <p>"We have also seen a substantial uptick in section 504 accommodation claims," he said. With an expanded class of eligibility for accommodations, Freedman expects challenges for coverage to be an ongoing issue, as well.</p>