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Hodgson Russ provides experienced U.S. legal representation both for European clients with business or personal interests in the United States and for U.S.-based clients doing business in Europe. Our multidisciplinary Europe team advises clients in a wide range of industries, including, among many others, communications, energy, aerospace, food and beverages, life sciences, manufacturing, professional services, and software and technology.

Our Europe Practice's leader, Pierre Cournot, is a foreign trade advisor to the French Republic (*Conseiller du Commerce Extérieur*), is general counsel to the French Consulate General in New York; is a member of the Electoral Commission of the French Consulate General in New York, and was on the board of directors of the French American Chamber of Commerce for approximately 15 years. The French government awarded him the French Legion of Honor.

As a full-service law firm, we assist our clients with business interests in Europe in areas that include the following:

- Acquisition and disposition of U.S. entities
- Agency compliance, including with the Food and Drug Administration, Federal Communications Commission, Federal Trade Commission, Department of Agriculture, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and many others
- Antitrust
- Bankruptcy and international creditors' issues
- Capital market transactions
- Customs and tariff matters
- E-commerce and Internet matters
- Employee benefits
- Entering U.S. and other North American markets
- Executive compensation and estate planning for international corporate executives
- Export control matters
- Financing transactions
- Franchise and distribution
- General corporate
- Government contracts

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- Government relations
- Governmental investigations
- Immigration
- Intellectual property, including registration of patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets
- Labor and employment
- Litigation
- Products liability
- Real estate, including advising the governments of France and other countries
- Software development, commercialization, and protection
- Taxation (international, federal, state, and local, both planning and dispute resolution)
- Technology transfers and joint ventures

Our firm has standing relationships with several European law firms. Their various sizes, locations, and principal activities allow us to work with the most appropriate to assist with our clients' needs. Of further benefit to our clients, Hodgson Russ is a member of the United States Law Firm Group, a network of established U.S.-based law firms, several of which have offices outside the United States and all of which have extensive experience with lawyers and law firms in a number of countries. This network helps provide Hodgson Russ clients with effective assistance in selecting counsel in all of the significant commercial countries in the world.

Experience

\$200 Million International Sale of Ferrosilicon Company

\$300 Million Joint Venture in Heat Transfer Industry

\$750 Million Acquisition of HVAC Company

Acquisition on Behalf of France-Based Automotive Parts Manufacturer

Cegedim SA Represented by Hodgson Russ in Its Acquisition of Dendrite International, Inc.

Georgia Court Dismisses Breach of Contract Suit in Favor of Hodgson Russ Client

Publications

"Proposed Food Import Regulations Issued Under the Food Modernization Act"
Legal & Tax Newsletter, October 9, 2013

"Medical Device Excise Tax Liability of Foreign Manufacturers Selling Into the United States"
July 2, 2013