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EDUCATION

- The George Washington University Law School (J.D. with honors)
- Duke University (cum laude, 1995)

PRACTICE AREAS

- Cannabis Law
- Construction
- Corporate & Securities
- Corporate Restructuring & Bankruptcy
- Crisis Management
- Health Law
- Veterinary Law

Russell H. Stern is a Partner at Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, P.C., and a member of the Corporate & Securities and Health Law Departments. He is also a member of the Cannabis Law, Construction, Corporate Restructuring & Bankruptcy, Crisis Management, and Veterinary Law Practice Groups.

Russ serves as counsel to a broad spectrum of mature business ventures and entities, as well as an array of entrepreneurial endeavors. He is outside general counsel to several of Long Island's largest privately owned companies for whom he provides advice and guidance on all aspects of corporate and business matters. Russ regularly represents clients in the manufacturing, telecommunications, distribution, energy and fuel development, distribution and resale, transportation and logistics, aggregate, mining, materials, and waste management fields. Russ also represents many veterinarians and veterinary hospitals and frequently counsels them with respect to corporate structure, finance, labor and employment, regulatory and transactional matters. He also regularly advises private issuers and principals with respect to fund formation, operations, and compliance matters in his active private equity practice. Russ' real estate construction, materials, contractors, development, joint venture and project finance practice complements his corporate and securities practice with great synergy and provides our clients with vast abilities and resources.

Russ serves our clients as lead counsel on all types of corporate transactions including private placements, mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, corporate finance, planning and strategies, licensing, manufacturing, supply and distribution agreements. He provides dedicated hands-on personal support to our clients from negotiation to closing and beyond. His business planning and entity structure advice helps our clients successfully face daily business challenges with confidence and success.

Russ' expertise in negotiating complex business settlements is unparalleled. Over the years he has developed a well-known and recognized dispute resolution practice. Clients often seek his counsel in resolving matters before and during litigation. Over the past several years, Russ has successfully negotiated business and personal disputes to the clients' satisfaction in excess of \$750 million.

He works closely with his litigation colleagues and is a client resource for practical business, corporate and negotiation support.

Prior to his admission to the New York Bar, Russ graduated from Duke University in 1995, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude, in English and Drama. He studied at the Loyola University Rome Center for Liberal Arts and the University College of London in 1993. In 1998, Russ earned his Juris Doctor, with honors, from The George Washington University Law School. He was awarded the Corpus Juris Secundum Award for Excellence in Contracts.

When he is not practicing law, Russ donates his time to the American Heart Association and Long Island Cares VetsWork. He is also very active in Long Island youth ice hockey, baseball and soccer.

Prior to joining the Firm, Russ practiced at one of Long Island's largest law firms, first as an entry-level associate and eventually as a senior partner. After 15 years at his first firm, Russ helped build the business law practice for 3.5 years at a boutique Long Island law firm.

Publications

- Hot Topics for Veterinarians in 2025 (Alerts, Veterinary Law)
- Administrative Change to Process for New York Professional Corporations Seeking Conversion into Design Professional Corporations (Alerts, Corporate and Securities)
- Regulations That Govern the Sale of New York Veterinary Practices (Alerts, Veterinary Law)
- FinCEN Suspends March 21, 2025 Filing Deadline and Narrows Scope of Corporate Transparency Act Enforcement to Foreign Entities Only (Alerts, Corporate and Securities)
- Nationwide Injunction on Enforcement of Corporate Transparency Act Lifted; Reporting is (Again) Required (Alerts, Corporate and Securities)
- Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, P.C. Announces Formation of Veterinary Law Practice Group (Press Releases)
- U.S. Supreme Court Rules on Enforcement of Corporate Transparency Act; Nationwide Stay Remains in Effect (Alerts, Corporate and Securities)
- Fifth Circuit Court Reinstates Nationwide Stay; Corporate Transparency Act Filings are (Again) Optional (Alerts, Corporate and Securities)
- M&A in 2025: Market Trends and How Businesses Can Best Prepare (Alerts, Corporate and Securities)
- Nationwide CTA Temporary Injunction Stayed; FinCEN Grants Extension to January 13, 2025 (Alerts, Corporate and Securities)

- Corporate Law Alert: Temporary Nationwide Injunction on Corporate Transparency Act Enforcement (Alerts, Corporate and Securities)
- “Corporate Transparency Act 101: Tips for Business and Restructuring Fiduciaries”, (AIRA Journal).
- Corporate Transparency Act: Questions Arise Regarding Enforceability (Alerts, Corporate and Securities)
- Update on the CTA: Who Will Have Access to Your Beneficial Ownership Information? (Alerts, Corporate and Securities)
- Update on the CTA: Reporting Deadline for Entities Formed On or After January 1, 2024 is Extended (Alerts, Corporate and Securities)
- The Federal Corporate Transparency Act v. New York’s Proposed LLC Transparency Act: What Businesses Need to Know Now (Alerts, Corporate and Securities)
- Preparing for the Federal Corporate Transparency Act: January 1, 2024 Effective Date Looms (Alerts, Corporate and Securities)
- Russell H. Stern and Co-Counsel, Larry H. Weiss Representing Christian Cultural Center in a Multi-Phase Affordable Housing Development Project (Press Releases)
- New York Targets Non-Bank Lenders: Heightened Disclosure Requirements Imposed on Certain Commercial Lenders (Alerts, Corporate and Securities)
- RMF Attorney Russ Stern To Be Honored at LI Herald’s Top Lawyers Awards Gala (Press Releases)
- Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, P.C. Forms Cannabis Law Practice Group (Press Releases)
- RMF Partner, Russell Stern and attorneys recently closed on the acquisition of Gold’s horseradish and mustards and Fox’s U-Bet syrup products – for RMF client, L & S Packing Co.(Press Releases)
- Russell H. Stern Honored By Long Island Business News As A “Leadership In Law” Award Winner. (Press Releases)
- RMF Partner Russell Stern Represents Coram Materials And Its Affiliates In \$142 Million Sale to U.S. Concrete (Construction, Press Releases)

Presentations

- Panelist - Webinar - “Tariff and Global Supply Chain Strategies: Business, Tax, and Legal Insights, “ (March, 2025)
- Moderator - Seminar - Corporate Series Part 1 “How to Start and Sell a Business,” (June, 2024)
- Panelist - Webinar - “RMF’s First Annual 420 State of NY Cannabis Update,” (April 2022)