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Russell Yankwitt founded Yankwitt LLP in 2009, after honing his litigation skills at the premier New York City law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom LLP, serving as Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York, and serving as a federal law clerk to Thomas C. Platt of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

Russell litigates commercial matters of all kinds, including contract and partnership disputes, employment and shareholder lawsuits, insurance coverage disputes, ADA litigations, and premises liability cases. He is recognized as Westchester's go-to litigator and trial attorney, having accrued an enviable track record of trial victories over the past two decades. As a result, Russell is regularly retained by Westchester and New York City law firms to collaborate on their high-stakes trials throughout the state of New York.

Russell's legal acumen is enhanced by the unyielding client service he demands from himself and every member of his team. He partners with his clients, helping them to minimize their litigation by providing real-world, proven advice and counsel, as well as, efficient, cost-effective resolutions if or when litigation arises.

Well respected by the bar and judiciary, Russell is known to be a fair, effective, and zealous advocate for his clients.



Education

Cornell Law School, J.D. *cum laude*

Connecticut College, B.A. *Phi Beta Kappa*

Clerkships

Judge Thomas C. Platt, Eastern District of New York

Admissions

New York

Connecticut

Pennsylvania

New Jersey

Supreme Court of the United States of America

US District Court, Southern District of New York

US District Court, Eastern District of New York

US District Court, Northern District of New York

US District Court, District of Connecticut

US District Court, District of New Jersey

US District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania

US Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

Awards & Achievements

Selected for inclusion in Top 25 Westchester Super Lawyers, 2013-2015, 2017-2018

Selected for inclusion in Top 100 New York Metro Super Lawyers, 2011-2018

AV® Preeminent Rated by Martindale-Hubbell

United States Attorney General's Award for Tax Prosecutions

Environmental Protection Agency Award for Commendable Service

NOAA Bronze Medal Award for "displaying leadership, teamwork and innovation to successfully settle" a complex environmental bankruptcy for \$125 million

Memberships & Affiliations

Federal Bar Council, Westchester Committee, Founder

Federal Bar Council Board of Directors, Assistant Treasurer

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, Board

Westchester County Bar Foundation, Board

Westchester County Bar Association, Grievance Committee

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Board