

Rick Kennedy Named as PGA REACH WNY Pathfinder Trustee

Kennedy Makes Four Year Commitment to Youth, Military, and Diverse Populations through PGA REACH WNY



EAST AMHERST, NY (April 9, 2024) – Rick Kennedy is a Partner at Hodgson Russ LLP. He joined Hodgson Russ as an associate in 1983 and became a partner in 1990. He concentrated his practice on complex environmental matters and the law governing lawyers. Rick also served the firm as its co-general counsel and loss prevention partner, and as a member of its board of directors and compensation committee for more than two decades. He served as the firm's managing partner from 2016 to February 2022.

“My principal purpose in joining the PGA REACH WNY Foundation is to participate with golf professionals in bringing the game’s transformative and enriching power to serve veterans and marginalized communities,” said Kennedy.

The mission of PGA REACH WNY is to positively impact the lives of youth, military, and diverse populations through the game of golf. PGA REACH WNY was created with a goal of providing support to various organizations within the boundaries of the Western New York PGA Section. Through the game of golf, the Foundation will work to fund and conduct programs supporting its mission, including the Western New York Section PGA Junior Golf initiatives and various other underprivileged youth golf programs. The Foundation will also conduct and/or support a variety of initiatives that serve the founding pillars: youth, military, and diversity in golf.

PGA Jr. League, the flagship youth program of PGA REACH WNY, is a game-changing opportunity to bring family and friends together around fun team golf experiences. PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) introduces golf to Veterans with disabilities to enhance their physical, mental, social and emotional well-being. The PGA WORKS Fellowship aspires to be the most valuable entry-level employment opportunity for individuals from diverse backgrounds to gain experience in all facets of the golf industry.

“Having someone as special as Rick join our growing Foundation Trustee group is monumental for us,” said Director of Development & Foundation Operations, John Osberg. “With Rick’s deep business law and international community building expertise, in addition to his lifelong desire to serve others with his passion and commitment to driving accessibility in the game of golf will steadfastly ensure that PGA REACH WNY continues to exceed its mission driven expectations. Rick is yet another crucial player in our planning and execution process as PGA REACH WNY continues to grow its commitment to Positively Impacting Lives Through the Game of Golf.”

About Rick Kennedy

Kennedy helped found EduNations, Inc., a non-profit organization building and operating schools and providing other humanitarian aid to Sierra Leone, Africa. He is a director and vice president of that organization and is a member of the board of the Chapel at Crosspoint. He is a board member of the following organizations: Kingdom Come Development Foundation, Sierra Leone Alliance of Western New York, Invest Buffalo Niagara, and First Tee Foundation of Western New York. He has also been listed in Best Lawyers in America multiple times for Environmental Law.

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