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Buffalo Bills Find New CLO In Hodgson Russ Attorney

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Law360 (November 27, 2023, 2:16 PM EST) -- The NFL's Buffalo Bills has hired a Hodgson Russ LLP attorney, who so far has spent his entire career at the firm, as legal chief, a team spokesperson confirmed to Law360 Pulse on Monday, about a month after the franchise fired its former general counsel.

In December, Terrence "Terry" Gilbride will begin as senior vice president and chief legal officer at the Bills, the spokesperson said. He replaces former general counsel Kathryn D'Angelo, whom the team owner **fired last month**, along with Chief Operating Officer John Roth, because of their romantic relationship.

Jim Overdorf, most recently senior adviser to the general manager and football operations, took over as interim general counsel while the organization searched externally for a permanent replacement.



Terry Gilbride

Gilbride has been at Hodgson Russ for the past 35 years, since he graduated from the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School, according to his LinkedIn profile. He focuses on large commercial real estate development projects, leading the firm's college and university practice, as well as its public-private partnership practice.

Gilbride's experience includes student housing development, construction and financing; hotel acquisition and financing transactions; and nonprofit-sponsored real estate development projects, according to his firm bio. Gilbride is to leave Hodgson Russ on Thursday, a firm spokesperson told Law360 Pulse.

The firm said Gilbride was not available for comment Monday.

The leadership reshuffle at the Bills came two months after owner Terry Pegula was among those accused in a lawsuit of making racist comments.

Award-winning football reporter Jim Trotter **has accused the NFL** of fostering a racially hostile environment, alleging in a lawsuit that his contract with the league's network was not renewed after he persistently questioned the league's record of hiring and promoting Black talent. Trotter, who is Black, also singled out Pegula and Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, claiming that each made racist comments and that his employer stopped him from including some of those quotes in his reporting.

Just last week, the NFL told a New York federal judge that Trotter did not back up his claims that he was discriminated against and retaliated against when his contract was not renewed.

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