

114 Lippes Mathias Attorneys Recognized in the 2027 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America®



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- [Johnny A. Mueller](#) – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- [Andrew M. Wilson](#) – Immigration Law

Syracuse, N.Y.

- [Marc S. Beckman](#) – Health Care Law

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- [Matthew L. Hosford](#) – Health Care Law
- [Keith R. Jacques](#) – Government Relations Practice; Labor Law - Union
- [Anoush Koroghlian-Scott](#) – Health Care Law
- [Lawrence H. Schaefer](#) – Labor Law - Union
- [David E. Siegfeld](#) – Elder Law
- [Karl J. Sleight](#) – Commercial Litigation
- [Scott E. Thompson](#) – Trademark Law

Buffalo, N.Y.

- [Scott S. Allen, Jr.](#) – Commercial Litigation; Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- [Brian J. Bocketti](#) – Banking and Finance Law; Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships); Commercial Finance Law; Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- [Kevin J. Cross](#) – Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships); Commercial Litigation
- [Jillian E. Deck](#) – Banking and Finance Law
- [Courtney Donahue Tasner](#) – Trusts and Estates; Litigation - Trusts and Estates
- [Thomas J. Fennell](#) – Real Estate Law
- [Raymond L. Fink](#) – Banking and Finance Law; Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Bankruptcy
- [John J. Flynn](#) – Criminal Defense: White-Collar; Litigation - Municipal
- [Nisha V. Fontaine](#) – Immigration Law
- [Scott E. Friedman](#) – Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships); Corporate Law
- [Thomas J. Gaffney](#) – Commercial Litigation; Construction Law; Litigation - Construction
- [Steven S. Grieco](#) – Corporate Law
- [Hon. Carol E. Heckman \(Ret.\)](#) – Appellate Practice; Arbitration; Commercial Litigation; Mediation; Native American Law
- [Margaret A. Hurley](#) – Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Real Estate
- [Gregory T. Ivancic](#) – Corporate Law
- [Elizabeth M. Klarin](#) – Immigration Law
- [John J. Koeppele](#) – Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law; Venture Capital Law
- [Nathaniel J. Kuzma](#) – Employment Law - Management
- [Brendan H. Little](#) – Commercial Litigation
- [Christian M. Lovelace](#) – Commercial Transactions / UCC Law; Corporate Law
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- [Kevin T. Merriman](#) – Insurance Law
- [Paul A. Mitchell](#) – Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law

- [Johnny A. Mueller](#) – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Litigation - Bankruptcy
- [Sean M. O'Brien](#) – Commercial Litigation
- [Helen Osgood](#) – Commercial Finance Law; Real Estate Law
- [Jennifer C. Persico](#) – Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Municipal; Litigation - Real Estate; Municipal Law
- [Brendan J. Rich](#) – Corporate Governance Law; Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- [Amy Habib Rittling](#) – Employment Law - Management; Labor Law - Management; Mediation
- [Meghann N. Roehl](#) – Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants
- [Paul J. Schulz](#) – Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- [Blaine S. Schwartz](#) – Real Estate Law
- [Tessa R. Scott](#) – Commercial Litigation
- [Ryan V. Stearns](#) – Real Estate Law
- [Charles E. Telford III](#) – Trusts and Estates
- [Dennis C. Vacco](#) – Commercial Litigation; Corporate Compliance Law; Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- [Paul F. Wells](#) – Real Estate Law
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- [Joshua R. Rich](#) – Litigation - Intellectual Property; Patent Law

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- [Gary P. Bluestein](#) – Litigation and Controversy - Tax; Tax Law
- [Daniel F. Brown](#) – Commercial Litigation

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- [Alessandro A. Apolito](#) – Litigation - Trusts and Estates; Trusts and Estates
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- [Marc S. Beckman](#) – Health Care Law
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- [Michael R. Bakst](#) – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
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- [Juliana E. Piemonte](#) – Labor and Employment Law - Employee
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- [Vadim V. Belous](#) – Real Estate Law
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- [Kennedy A. Farr](#) – Health Care Law
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- [Anthony M. Kroese](#) – Commercial Litigation; Corporate Law; Litigation - Intellectual Property; Real Estate Law
- [Gregory T. Measer](#) – Health Care Law
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- [Thomas R. Southard](#) – Commercial Litigation
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Jacksonville, Fla.

- [Mark D. Canfield](#) – Litigation - Real Estate; Real Estate Law

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Tampa, Fla.

- [Marshall J. Kobrin](#) – Corporate Law; Intellectual Property Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law
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- [Spencer R. Sater](#) – Commercial Litigation

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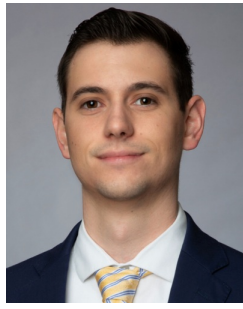
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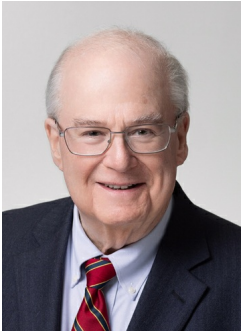
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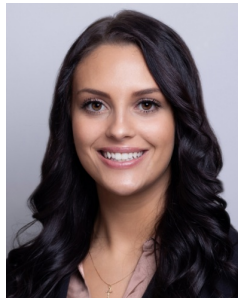
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