

## 52 Lippes Mathias Attorneys Recognized in the 2025 Edition of Upstate New York Super Lawyers



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Lippes Mathias LLP announced today that 52 attorneys from its Albany, Buffalo, Rochester, and Syracuse offices have been selected for inclusion in the 2025 Upstate New York Super Lawyers and Rising Stars lists. Seven attorneys from the firm's Florida offices—Bari L. Goldstein, I. Jeffrey Pheterson, Robert G. Riegel, Jr., Mark D. Canfield, Mitchell R. Ghaneie, Christopher A. Walker, and Cathleen D. Ward—were also recognized by Florida Super Lawyers earlier this year.

Attorneys named to the 2025 Upstate New York Super Lawyers list include:

- Randall P. Andreozzi – Tax (Buffalo)
- Marc S. Beckman – Health Care (Syracuse)
- Gary P. Bluestein – Tax (Buffalo)
- Brian J. Bocketti – Banking (Buffalo)
- Daniel F. Brown – Bankruptcy: Business (Buffalo)
- Michael J. Compagni – Health Care (Syracuse)
- Kevin J. Cross – Business Litigation (Buffalo)

- Raymond L. Fink – Bankruptcy: Business (Buffalo)
- Kelly S. Foss – Business Litigation (Rochester)
- Scott E. Friedman – Business/Corporate (Buffalo)
- Amy Habib Rittling – Employment & Labor (Buffalo) — Top Super Lawyer
- Hon. Carol E. Heckman (Ret.) – Business Litigation (Buffalo)
- Thomas B. Hughes – Mergers & Acquisitions (Buffalo)
- Svetlana K. Ivy – Business Litigation (Rochester)
- Brendan P. Kelleher – Employment & Labor (Buffalo)
- Brendan H. Little – Business Litigation (Buffalo)
- Brian C. Mahoney – Business Litigation (Buffalo)
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- Maureen Dunn McGlynn – Health Care (Syracuse)
- Kevin T. Merriman – Insurance Coverage (Buffalo)
- Johnny A. Mueller – Bankruptcy: Business (Buffalo)
- Jennifer C. Persico – Business Litigation (Buffalo)
- Brendan J. Rich – Securities & Corporate Finance (Buffalo)
- Meghann N. Roehl – Personal Injury Med Mal: Defense (Buffalo)
- Blaine S. Schwartz – Real Estate (Buffalo)
- Karl J. Sleight – Business Litigation (Albany)
- Bruce A. Smith – Health Care (Syracuse)
- Laura L. Spring – Employment & Labor (Syracuse)
- Joann Sternheimer – Business Litigation (Albany)
- Dennis C. Vacco – Government Relations (Buffalo)
- Paul F. Wells – Real Estate (Buffalo)

Attorneys selected for the 2025 Upstate New York Rising Stars list include:

- Justin J. Andreozzi – Tax (Buffalo)
- Alana M. Becker – Business/Corporate (Buffalo)
- Hannah E. Cominsky – Civil Litigation: Defense (Buffalo)
- Elise M. Edwards – Health Care (Buffalo)
- Ashley M. Emery – Employment & Labor (Albany)
- Thomas J. Fennell – Real Estate (Buffalo)
- Donell L. Gibson, Jr. – Business/Corporate (Buffalo)
- Mackenzie E. Hamill – Banking (Buffalo)
- Anthony M. Kroese – Real Estate (Buffalo)
- Gregory T. Measer – Health Care (Buffalo)
- Thomas A. Mitchell – Tax (Buffalo)
- Gregory T. Myers – Employment & Labor (Albany)
- Andrew J. Olek – Business/Corporate (Buffalo)
- Jay A. Organek – Estate & Probate (Buffalo)
- Mitchell J. Ream – Banking (Buffalo)
- Richard M. Scherer, Jr. – Business Litigation (Buffalo)
- Tessa R. Scott – Business Litigation (Buffalo)
- Eliza P. Shea – Business/Corporate (Buffalo)

- Lauren A. Suttell – Health Care (Buffalo)
- Carmen Alexander Vacco – Criminal Defense: White Collar (Buffalo)
- Caroline R. Vilardo – Business/Corporate (Buffalo)

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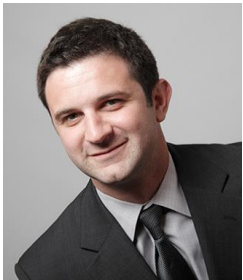
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