

69 Lippes Mathias Attorneys Recognized in the 2024 Edition of "The Best Lawyers in America®"



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BUFFALO, N.Y. – Lippes Mathias today announced that 69 of the firm’s Albany, Buffalo, Jacksonville, Rochester, and Washington, D.C.-based attorneys have been listed on the 2024 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*, *The Best Lawyers in America: Lawyer of the Year* and *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch*.

Attorneys recognized as *Lawyers of the Year* in the 2024 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* list and their practice areas include:

Buffalo, N.Y.

- **Brian J. Bocketti**
 - Corporate Law
- **Hon. Carol E. Heckman (Ret.)**
 - Appellate Practice
- **Dennis C. Vacco**
 - Corporate Compliance Law

Albany, N.Y.

- **Keith R. Jacques**
 - Government Relations Practice

Lippes Mathias attorneys and their respective practice areas who have been named to the 2024 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* include:

Albany, N.Y.

- **Conor E. Brownell**
 - Commercial Litigation
- **Frank J. Fanshawe**
 - Health Care Law
- **Keith R. Jacques**
 - Government Relations Practice
 - Labor Law – Union
- **Anoush Koroghlian-Scott**
 - Health Care Law
- **David E. Siegfeld**
 - Elder Law

Buffalo, N.Y.

- **Brian J. Bocketti**
 - Banking and Finance Law
 - Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
 - Commercial Finance Law
 - Corporate Law
- **Jillian E. Deck**
 - Banking and Finance Law
- **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
- **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
- **Hon. Carol E. Heckman (Ret.)**
 - Appellate Practice
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Mediation
 - Native American Law
- **Margaret A. Hurley**
 - Litigation – Real Estate
- **Gregory T. Ivancic**
 - Corporate Law
- **David M. Knapp**
 - Insurance Law
- **John J. Koeppel**
 - Venture Capital Law
- **Christian M. Lovelace**
 - Corporate Law
- **Brian C. Mahoney**
 - Commercial Litigation
- **Eileen M. Martin**
 - Immigration Law
- **William E. Mathias II**
 - Corporate Law
- **Kevin T. Merriman**
 - Insurance Law
- **Paul A. Mitchell**
 - Corporate Law
- **John A. Mueller**
 - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
 - Litigation – Bankruptcy
- **Helen Osgood**
 - Commercial Finance Law
 - Real Estate Law
- **Jennifer C. Persico**
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Municipal Law
- **Brendan J. Rich**
 - Corporate Governance Law
 - Corporate Law
- **Amy Habib Rittling**
 - Employment Law – Management
 - Mediation
- **Paul J. Schulz**
 - Corporate Law

- Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- **Blaine S. Schwartz**
 - Real Estate Law
- **Eric M. Soehnlein**
 - Criminal Defense: General Practice
 - Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- **Ryan V. Stearns**
 - Real Estate Law
- **Charles E. Telford III**
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- **Dennis C. Vacco**
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Corporate Compliance Law
- **Paul F. Wells**
 - Real Estate Law
- **Alan S. Wexler**
 - Real Estate Law
- **Andrew M. Wilson**
 - Immigration Law

Jacksonville, Fla.

- **Daniel D. Akel**
 - Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
 - Corporate Law
- **Edward C. Akel**
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 - Litigation – Trusts and Estates
 - Litigation and Controversy – Tax
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- **Alessandro A. Apolito**
 - Litigation – Trusts and Estates
- **Kathleen H. Cold**
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 - Tax Law
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- **Musa K. Farmand**
 - Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
 - Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs
- **Thomas R. Ray**
 - Construction Law
 - Litigation – Construction
- **Bethany Ray Reichard**
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- **Robert G. Riegel, Jr.**

- Employment Law – Management
- Labor Law – Management
- Litigation – Labor and Employment

Rochester, N.Y.

- **Amy L. Reichhart**
 - Environmental Law

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- **Klint A. Cowan**
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 - Labor Law – Management
- **Michael G. Rossetti**
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Attorneys recognized on *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch* list and the practice area(s) they were selected in include:

Albany, N.Y.

- **Gregory T. Myers**
 - Litigation – Labor and Employment

Buffalo, N.Y.

- **Sean P. Balkin**
 - Corporate Governance and Compliance Law
 - Corporate Law
 - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- **Mary M. Balkin Cannata**
 - Corporate Law
- **Zachary J. Dewey**
 - Real Estate Law
- **Courtney Donahue Tasner**
 - Trusts and Estates
- **Ashley M. Emery**
 - Labor and Employment Law – Employee
- **Donell L. Gibson, Jr.**
 - Corporate Governance and Compliance Law
 - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- **Thomas B. Hughes**

- Corporate Governance and Compliance Law
- Corporate Law
- **Sean M. O'Brien**
 - Commercial Litigation
- **Andrew J. Olek**
 - Corporate Law
- **Jessica M. Peraza**
 - Elder Law
 - Litigation – Trusts and Estates
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- **Mitchell J. Ream**
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- **Joseph W. Schafer**
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 - Corporate Law
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- **Tessa R. Scott**
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 - Commercial Litigation
 - Litigation – Banking and Finance
- **Eliza P. Shea**
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 - Corporate Law
- **Carmen A. Vacco**
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 - Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- **Caroline R. Vilardo**
 - Corporate Governance and Compliance Law

Jacksonville, Fla.

- **Mark D. Canfield**
 - Litigation – Real Estate
- **Michael J. Lufkin**
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 - Labor and Employment Law – Management
 - Litigation – Labor and Employment

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