

86 Lippes Mathias Attorneys Recognized in the 2025 Edition of "The Best Lawyers in America®"



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Lippes Mathias today announced that 86 of the firm's Albany, Buffalo, Clarence, Cleveland, Jacksonville, Rochester, Syracuse, and Washington, D.C.-based attorneys have been listed on the 2025 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 2025 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* list and their practice areas include:

Buffalo, N.Y.

- **Jillian E. Deck**
 - Banking and Finance Law

Jacksonville, Fla.

- **Robert G. Riegel, Jr.**
 - Labor Law – Management

Rochester, N.Y.

- **Svetlana K. Ivy**
 - Appellate Practice

Lippes Mathias attorneys and their respective practice areas who have been named to the 2025 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* include:

Albany, N.Y.

- **Conor E. Brownell**
 - Commercial Litigation
- **Frank J. Fanshawe**
 - Health Care Law
- **Matthew L. Hosford**
 - 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.

- **Scott S. Allen, Jr.**
 - Commercial Litigation
- **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**
 - Commercial Litigation
- **Jillian E. Deck**
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- **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
 - Arbitration
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Mediation
 - Native American Law
- **Margaret A. Hurley**
 - Litigation – Real Estate
- **Gregory T. Ivancic**
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- **Elizabeth M. Klarin**
 - Immigration Law
- **David M. Knapp**
 - Insurance Law
- **John J. Koeppe**
 - Corporate Law
 - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
 - Venture Capital Law
- **Christian M. Lovelace**
 - Corporate Law
- **Brian C. Mahoney**
 - Commercial Litigation
- **Eileen M. Martin**
 - Immigration Law
- **Kevin T. Merriman**
 - Insurance Law
- **Paul A. Mitchell**
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- **Michael L. Nisengard**
 - Real Estate Law
- **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
- **Amy Habib Rittling**
 - Employment Law – Management
 - Labor Law – Management
 - Mediation
- **Paul J. Schulz**
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 - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- **Blaine S. Schwartz**
 - Real Estate Law
- **Ryan V. Stearns**
 - Real Estate Law
- **Courtney Donahue Tasner**
 - Trusts and Estates
- **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
- **Alan S. Wexler**
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- **Andrew M. Wilson**
 - Immigration Law

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 - Litigation and Controversy – Tax
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- **Thomas R. Ray**
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- **Bethany Ray Reichard**
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- **Robert G. Riegel, Jr.**
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 - Labor Law – Management
 - Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Christopher A. Walker**
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- **Kelly S. Foss**
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- **Victoria M. Craft**
 - Trusts and Estates
- **Gregory T. Myers**
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Buffalo, N.Y.

- **Sean P. Balkin**
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 - Corporate Law

- Mergers and Acquisitions Law
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- **Richard R. Capote**
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- **Hannah E. Cominsky**
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- **Ashley M. Emery**
 - Labor and Employment Law – Employee
- **Donell L. Gibson, Jr.**
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- **Anthony M. Kroese**
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- **Kathryn V. Myrtle**
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- **Andrew J. Olek**
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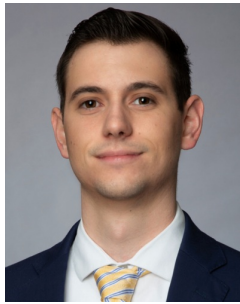
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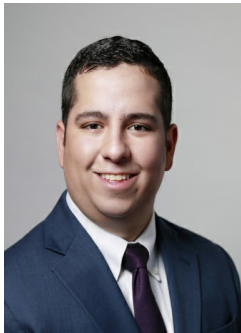
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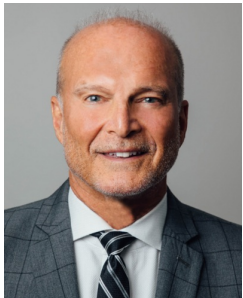
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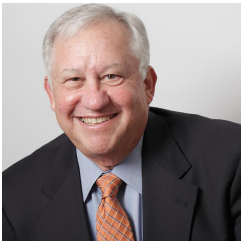
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