

John J. Koepfel to Moderate ACG Tampa Bay Panel on M&A Success Strategies



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Lippes Mathias LLP today announced that [John J. Koepfel](#), partner, executive committee member, and leader of the firm's independent sponsor and private equity practice teams, will moderate an upcoming [Association for Corporate Growth \(ACG\) Tampa Bay Emerging Professionals speaking engagement](#). The event, *Fast-Tracking M&A Success: Strategies for Reducing Deal Times*, will take place on February 12, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Koepfel will lead a panel featuring Jay Greyson, partner at Supply Chain Equity Partners; Valentine Nsofor, founder & CEO of Silva Virtus Partners; and Dara Shareef, managing partner at Benchmark International.

In addition to Koepfel's role in the program, [Sara A. Qureshi](#), a senior associate in the firm's Tampa Bay office, serves as a [member of the ACG Tampa Bay board of directors](#).

About John J. Koepfel

John J. Koepfel is a partner and the team leader of the private equity and independent sponsor practice teams at Lippes Mathias LLP. He is a corporate attorney with more than 25 years of experience and has led over 250

transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, fund formations, co-investments, financings, and cross-border private equity deals.

He advises funds, independent sponsors, middle market companies, institutional investors, family offices, and high-net-worth individuals on a wide range of strategies, such as buy-out, growth equity, venture capital, fund-of-funds, secondaries, intellectual property, energy, real estate, and private credit. His experience also includes advising clients on Qualified Opportunity Zone and Qualified Small Business Stock investments and representing non-U.S. investors in U.S.-based acquisitions and private investments.

On the M&A side, Koepfel has handled transactions from \$5 million to more than \$250 million across industries, including manufacturing, technology, consumer goods, business services, food and beverage, cleantech, distribution, and health care. A frequent speaker at private equity, independent sponsor, and M&A conferences, he regularly shares insights on market trends and legal developments. Before joining Lippes Mathias, Koepfel was a partner in the private equity and investment funds group at an Am Law 100 firm.

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