

Lippes Mathias Bolsters Corporate and Trusts & Estates Practices with Expansion of Tax Group

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BUFFALO, NY – Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP today announced its tax practice will be growing by two attorneys: Thomas A. Mitchell and Matthew R. Clouden. With an expanding tax group, our interdisciplinary corporate and trusts & estates practices will be bolstered by a deeper bench of tax expertise and resources.

Given the nature of Lippes Mathias' corporate work – providing a wide range of services to public companies, private equity funds and investors – additional tax resources are essential. Lippes Mathias' corporate work consists of advising and documenting merger and acquisition transactions, including divestitures; private equity and venture capital investments; commercial financings; investment funds; public securities offerings; joint venture relationships; and general corporate matters.

Lippes Mathias' Trusts & Estates Practice Group assists clients with their trust and estate-related tax needs, including general and complex estate planning, preparation of state and federal estate tax returns, the drafting, funding & administration of trusts, and creating advantageous tax solutions to complex estates while ensuring our clients' testamentary intent is fulfilled. The additional resources will sharpen tax-related estate planning needs across all offices.

"There is an increasing need for tax counsel as it relates to corporate and trusts & estates clients," said Kevin Cross, managing partner, Lippes Mathias. "By making strategic additions to our tax group, we're able to strengthen and expand our corporate service offering. And for our trusts & estates work, more and more clients will benefit from advanced tax counsel."

Mr. Mitchell's practice focuses on federal income taxation. In particular, he focuses on the structuring and negotiation of taxable and tax-free corporate acquisitions, reorganizations and dispositions of ongoing business enterprises, partnership transactions, the representation of private equity fund sponsors in fund formations, and financing transactions. Mr. Mitchell is a graduate of Yale University and the Washington University School of Law.

Mr. Clouden focuses his practice on federal, state, and trusts and estates tax matters. He assists clients with planning and creating trusts and other appropriate vehicles to facilitate clients' needs, assists clients with general estate planning, the creation and liquidation of trusts, the day-to-day administration of current trusts, and creating tax advantageous solutions of funding trusts. Mr. Clouden is a graduate of the University of Buffalo and Northeastern University School of Law. He also holds an MBA from the University of Buffalo.

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