

## Lippes Mathias Partner Donell L. Gibson, Jr., Elected President of Minority Bar Foundation Board of Directors



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Donell L. Gibson, a partner at Lippes Mathias LLP, has been elected president of the Minority Bar Association of Western New York Foundation, Inc.'s board of directors. Gibson, who previously served as a board member of the foundation, now leads the organization in its mission to advance diversity in the legal profession across Western New York and throughout New York State.

The Minority Bar Foundation was formed in 2004 to promote representation and inclusion within the legal profession in the region.

### **About Donell L. Gibson, Jr.**

Donell L. Gibson, Jr. is a partner in the firm's corporate; securities; and sports, entertainment & hospitality practice teams, where he assists clients in the areas of business formation and structuring, contract review and negotiation, mergers and acquisitions, fund formations and investments, corporate governance and compliance, and other general corporate matters. Gibson also assists sports and entertainment companies and other professional sports organizations in corporate matters, including reviewing, negotiating, and preparing agreements and other

documents in connection with various corporate and financial transactions. Prior to joining the firm as an attorney, Gibson participated in the firm's 2017 summer associate program.

Before obtaining his J.D., Gibson gained valuable legal experience through a judicial internship in the United States District Court for the Western District of New York under Honorable William M. Skretny, as well as representing patients of Roswell Park Cancer Institute through the University at Buffalo School of Law's Health Justice Law & Policy Clinic.

Gibson also held several leadership positions during law school, including president of the University at Buffalo School of Law's chapter of the National Black Law Students Association, treasurer of the National Black Law Students Association's Northeast Region, and managing editor of the Buffalo Public Interest Law Journal.

Gibson currently serves as a member of the firm's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee, the board of directors of the Minority Bar Association of Western New York, and as president of the Minority Bar Association of Western New York Foundation, Inc.

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