

## Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP and Its Attorneys Rank High in Chambers USA 2020

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**BUFFALO, NY** – Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP announced it has been ranked by Chambers USA 2020 in Band 3 for Corporate/Mergers & Acquisitions Upstate New York, Band 3 for Litigation: General Commercial Upstate New York, and Band 3 for Real Estate Upstate New York.

Chambers USA 2020 also ranked Partners John J. Koeppel in Band 2, Brian J. Bocketti in Band 3, and Brendan J. Rich as Up and Coming in the practice area of Corporate/Mergers & Acquisitions Upstate New York. Partners Blaine S. Schwartz and Paul F. Wells ranked in Band 2 and 3 respectively in Real Estate Upstate New York.

Michael G. Rossetti, a partner in the firm's Washington, D.C. office and co-leader of the firm's Indian Law Team, was named to Nationwide Band 2 for Native American Law. Mr. Rossetti is recognized for his work representing clients on gaming, water rights and economic development matters. Clients noted in feedback to Chambers that, "His knowledge of Indian law and key officials at the Interior department has been invaluable."

Since 1990, Chambers and Partners has published guides to the legal profession, identifying and ranking the world's best lawyers and law firms based on in-depth, objective research. Chambers USA ranks leading law firms and lawyers throughout the United States in more than 50 practice areas.

Chambers USA notes Lippes Mathias' Litigation practice is a "Dynamic team noted for its expertise across a broad range of contentious matters, acting for a diverse roster of clients ranging from individuals and closely held businesses to multinational corporations. Maintains particular strengths in environment and healthcare-related disputes, and is particularly sought after for its expertise in False Claims Act and civil rights violation cases. Offers extensive appellate and alternative dispute resolution capabilities, in addition to assisting with internal and independent investigations." Client feedback on the team, "They are highly experienced, competent, thorough and professional." Another client adds, "The team as a whole is well rounded, generally practical and accessible. I feel like I get white-shoe knowledge without white-shoe prices."

Chambers USA notes Lippes Mathias' Corporate & Securities Team, "Acts for an impressive portfolio of public and private entities, including venture capital players and private equity firms. Well respected for its work in commercial M&A, with noteworthy expertise in leveraged acquisitions and equity financing. Able to draw on complementary expertise in areas such as finance, tax and commercial litigation. Maintains an upstate presence in Albany and Buffalo. Increasingly active in the blockchain and cryptocurrency space."

Chambers USA notes Lippes Mathias' Real Estate Practice is a, "Respected practice with expertise spanning a range of transactional and contentious real estate matters. Frequently advises on complex financings including loans and mezzanine debt finance, and routinely represents clients in both acquisitions and dispositions.

Demonstrable expertise in projects including retail premises, offices and hotels.” Clients note, “It is very strong team that works well together.” Another interviewee highlights the firm's "full range of services, attention to detail and response times."

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Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP is a full-service law firm with more than 110 attorneys serving clients regionally, nationally and internationally. With offices in Buffalo, N.Y.; Albany, N.Y.; Burlington, Ontario; Chicago, Ill.; New York City; Jacksonville and Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla; and Washington, D.C., the firm represents a wide range of clients, including individuals, publicly and privately-owned companies, private equity and venture capital firms, real estate developers, financial institutions, municipalities, and governmental entities.

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