

Michael R. Rossetti, Karl J. Sleight and Dennis C. Vacco Speak During the Business Council of New York State's Annual Meeting



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Lippes Mathias is pleased to share that Michael R. Rossetti, Karl J. Sleight and Dennis C. Vacco, three members of the firm's government & corporate investigations practice team, took part in a panel presentation held at the Business Council of New York State's annual meeting held from September 20–22 at the Sagamore Resort in Bolton Landing.

The panel, which was titled "Rise of Political Investigations in the Last Decade" was moderated by Liz Benjamin, managing director of Marathon Strategies' Albany office.

Michael R. Rossetti, the firm's [government & corporate investigations practice team](#) co-leader and [Indian law practice team](#) co-leader, focuses on advising tribal clients on economic development and Indian gaming, tribal governance matters, litigation matters, and the settlement of Indian water rights. He also lobbies on a broad range of tribal concerns and advises clients on land use and other issues before the Department of the Interior, including the Bureau of Land Management, the Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service. Additionally, Rossetti advises clients regarding state attorneys general issues and federal investigations. Prior to joining Lippes Mathias,

Rossetti was a partner at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP in Washington, D.C.

Karl J. Sleight provides strategic counsel to clients who operate in highly regulated environments that include active government oversight and scrutiny. He is recognized for his successful accomplishments and is regularly named to the City and State Law Power 100, which lists the 100 most powerful people in New York State politics working in law. Sleight's experience spans a broad spectrum of industry sectors including gaming, health care, energy and emerging industries such as cannabis. In addition to advising clients on governmental ethics and lobbying compliance matters, he represents individuals, businesses, and institutions in complex civil litigation and government administrative investigations against the state attorney general. Sleight regularly represents clients in high-profile matters containing public and political sensitivities, including numerous Fortune 100 companies as well as private citizens and political figures involved in government inquiries. He is also an accomplished trial attorney.

Dennis C. Vacco, the former attorney general of New York State, focuses much of his legal practice on governmental investigations and compliance work. Vacco works both with clients who want to be sure they are in compliance with the complex and ever-changing rules of both the state and federal governments. Vacco focuses his practice on state attorney general investigations as well as investigations by the United States Department of Justice, Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Securities and Exchange Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and the Department of Homeland Security. He also leads Lippes Mathias' [Israel-U.S. cross-border](#) practice team, which has developed a strategic partnership with a leading Israeli law firm. Vacco, who has traveled frequently to Israel, has represented Israeli businesses that also conduct business in the United States. He also conducts seminars and makes media appearances to discuss the regulatory environment for Israeli businesses in the United States.

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