

Six Attorneys Join Lippes Mathias Via Combination with Deily & Glastetter, LLP

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BUFFALO, NY – Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP today announced its Albany presence will be growing by six attorneys on February 3 through a combination with several of the attorneys and staff of Deily & Glastetter, LLP. Joann Sternheimer, Leigh Hoffman and Jason Little will join Lippes Mathias as partners. Jonathan Deily, John Rodgers and Mark Glastetter will join as senior counsels.

The new attorneys will add scope and scale to the Lippes Mathias team, both in Albany and across the firm's eight office network, specifically in the practice areas of business counseling, commercial litigation, commercial lending, creditors' rights, mediation and alternative dispute resolution, and commercial real estate.

"In 2015, we stepped out of the Buffalo market for the first time and opened an office in Albany. In 2018, we added seven attorneys to our Albany presence. And now, we're growing again," said Kevin Cross, managing partner, Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman. "I'm encouraged by our sustained growth in the Albany market and I'm eager to welcome our new colleagues to our team in the Capital Region."

"We are excited both for our team and our clients to combine with Lippes Mathias. The marriage creates wonderful opportunity for our clients to offer a more expansive and deeper service offering," said Joann Sternheimer, former managing partner, Deily & Glastetter, now partner, Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman. "We're two teams joining with many shared values, including a steadfast focus on client service, a strong commitment to community and an unrelenting culture of integrity."

Ms. Sternheimer regularly appears in state and federal courts throughout New York and New Jersey, representing creditors, defendants and bankruptcy trustees in chapter 11 cases, cross-border proceedings and all types of bankruptcy litigation, including fraud-based actions, claim disputes and non-dischargeability actions and has acted as a discovery master in bankruptcy court. She also represents lenders in the automotive, trucking and equipment industries in complex commercial litigation and counsels clients in commercial loan transactions and all phases of workout and debt restructuring matters. Ms. Sternheimer is a member of the United States District Court NDNY and the United States Bankruptcy Court NDNY mediation panels and has served as a mediator for both courts. She is immediate past president of the Northern District of New York Federal Court Bar Association and is a past president of the Capital District Women's Bar Association. She is the immediate past president of The Legal Project's board of directors. She attended Union College and received her J.D. from Rutgers Law School.

Ms. Hoffman's practice focuses on commercial litigation and dispute resolution and represents national lenders in matters involving complex consumer and commercial bankruptcies. She has also represented numerous bankruptcy trustees, creditor's committees, and commercial clients in large liquidation cases dealing with preferences, fraudulent conveyances, and insider transfer recoveries. Ms. Hoffman is a graduate of Le Moyne

College and Albany Law School. She was named an *Upstate New York Super Lawyer* in 2017.

Mr. Little practices in financial reorganization, restructuring & insolvency and litigation representing national, regional and local clients. His practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, commercial lending, workouts and dispute resolution, and commercial bankruptcy matters. Mr. Little also advises clients on various business and transactional matters, commercial loans and workouts, internal compliance and control, and strategizing cost-effective business solutions to litigation. Mr. Little is a graduate of Clarion University of Pennsylvania and University at Buffalo School of Law.

Mr. Deily's practice is focused on complex commercial litigation, commercial lending, problem loan workouts and debt restructure. He regularly represents national lender clients in the various state, United States District Courts and Bankruptcy Courts in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions as well as other areas of the country. With over 40 years' experience representing lenders and manufacturers in the automotive, trucking and equipment industry, he regularly advises national clients in litigation and workout matters, including lender liability cases, sales and acquisitions and bankruptcies. Additionally, he is directly involved in advising these clients on national loan and litigation policy and loss prevention measures. He also represents private clients in a variety of business matters, including acquisitions of private and publicly traded companies, cross-border transactions, complex commercial transactions, and general business counseling and planning. He also serves as an evaluative mediator in commercial matters. Mr. Deily is a graduate of the State University of New York at Albany and the Albany Law School of Union University.

Mr. Rodgers's more than 25-year practice focuses on commercial and other complex litigation, business planning and dispute resolution. His practice is devoted largely to complex business litigation, commercial and business planning, sophisticated commercial contracts, commercial insolvency related matters and appellate advocacy. Mr. Rodgers has also successfully litigated and defended class action, derivative and business tort claims on behalf of commercial clients. He is an original member of the New York State Bar Association sponsored Albany, New York CDLHL (LAP) Committee, which he co-chaired in 2016-2017. Mr. Rodgers is a graduate of Syracuse University and New England School of Law.

Mr. Glastetter focuses his practice in the areas of commercial lending and financial reorganization, restructuring and insolvency. He has represented national clients in litigation matters and has also been directly involved with developing and implementing automotive inventory financing document packages and guides, loss prevention controls and documents, projects involving UCC Article 9 compliance, and in drafting general forms for use in leasing and financing. In addition, he regularly served as special counsel to bankruptcy trustees in preference, fraudulent conveyance, and other bankruptcy-related litigation. Mr. Glastetter is a graduate of Fordham University and the University of Kentucky College of Law.

In addition to its expanded Albany presence, Lippes Mathias has offices in Buffalo, N.Y., Washington, D.C., New York City, Jacksonville and Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., Chicago, Ill., and Burlington, Ontario.

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