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BUFFALO, NY – Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP announced today that 28 of the firm’s attorneys are honored in the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. *Best Lawyers* is the oldest and most respected peer review publication in the legal profession and compiles its lists of outstanding attorneys based entirely on peer review.

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- Andrew M. Wilson, Immigration Law

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- Bethany Ray Reichard, Commercial Litigation
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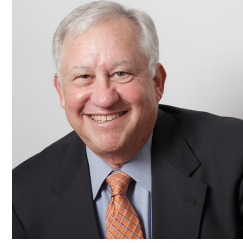
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