

## The Best Lawyers in America® 2021 Edition Includes 28 Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP Attorneys

August 20, 2020 | **PRESS RELEASES**

**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.

The Lippes Mathias attorneys recognized as “Lawyer of the Year” and the practice area in which they are recognized:

- Brian J. Bocketti, Banking and Finance Law
- Raymond L. Fink, Litigation – Bankruptcy
- Kevin T. Merriman, Insurance Law
- Andrew M. Wilson, Immigration Law

The Lippes Mathias attorneys recognized as “Ones to Watch” and the practice area in which they are recognized:

- Sarah M. Coligan, Labor and Employment Law – Employee
- Ashley M. Emery, Labor and Employment Law – Employee
- Jessica M. Peraza, Elder Law, Litigation – Trusts and Estates

The Lippes Mathias attorneys recognized as “The Best Lawyers in America” and the practice area in which they are recognized:

- Edward C. Akel, Tax Law
- Alessandro A. Apolito, Litigation – Trusts and Estates
- Brian J. Bocketti, Banking and Finance Law, Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Commercial Finance Law, Corporate Law
- Kathleen H. Cold, Tax Law, Trusts and Estates
- Raymond L. Fink, Banking and Finance Law, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Bankruptcy
- Musa K. Farmand – Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs
- Scott E. Friedman, Corporate Law
- Amy Habib Rittling, Employment Law - Individuals
- Carol E. Heckman, Appellate Practice, Commercial Litigation, Mediation, Native American Law
- Gregory T. Ivancic, Corporate Law
- William E. Mathias II, Corporate Law
- Kevin T. Merriman, Insurance Law

- Paul A. Mitchell, Corporate Law
- Helen Osgood, Commercial Finance Law, Real Estate Law
- Jennifer C. Persico, Commercial Litigation, Municipal Law
- Thomas R. Ray, Construction Law, Litigation – Construction
- Bethany Ray Reichard, Commercial Litigation
- Michael G. Rossetti, Native American Law
- Paul J. Schulz, Corporate Law
- Blaine S. Schwartz, Real Estate Law
- Charles E. Telford III, Trusts and Estates
- Dennis C. Vacco, Commercial Litigation, Corporate Compliance Law
- Paul F. Wells, Real Estate Law
- Alan S. Wexler, Real Estate Law
- Andrew M. Wilson, Immigration Law

### About Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman

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, Albany and New York, NY; Burlington, Ontario, Canada; Chicago, IL; Jacksonville, FL; 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.

Lippes Mathias is proud to be recognized year after year by The Best Lawyers in America®, U.S. News - Best Lawyers®, Super Lawyers and Chambers USA.

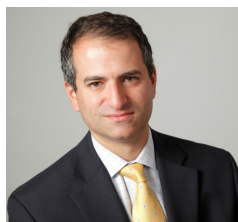
## Related Team



**Edward C. Akel**  
Partner



**Alessandro A. Apolito**  
Partner | Office  
Leader, Jacksonville



**Brian J. Bocketti**  
Partner | Executive  
Committee | Team  
Co-Leader - Banking  
& Financial  
Transactions



**Kathleen H. Cold**  
Partner



**Ashley M. Emery**  
Counsel



**Musa K. Farmand**  
Partner



**Raymond L. Fink**  
Partner | Team Co-  
Leader - Financial  
Restructuring &  
Insolvency



**Scott E. Friedman**  
Partner | Team Co-  
Leader Startups &  
Venture Capital |  
Team Co-Leader -  
Family Business



**Amy Habib Rittling**  
Partner | Chief Legal  
Officer | Team  
Leader -  
Employment



**Hon. Carol E.  
Heckman (Ret.)**  
Partner | Team Co-  
Leader - Indian Law |  
Team Leader-  
Alternative Dispute  
Resolution



**Gregory T. Ivancic**  
Senior Counsel



**William E. Mathias II**  
Retired Partner



**Kevin T. Merriman**  
Partner | Team  
Leader - Insurance  
Recovery,  
Counseling &  
Litigation



**Paul A. Mitchell**  
Senior Counsel



**Jessica M. Peraza**  
Counsel



**Jennifer C. Persico**  
Partner | Executive  
Committee | Team  
Leader - Litigation



**Thomas R. Ray**  
Partner



**Bethany Ray Reichard**  
Partner



**Michael G. Rossetti**  
Partner | Office  
Leader, Washington,  
D.C. | Team Co-  
Leader - Indian Law |  
Team Co-Leader –  
Government &  
Corporate  
Investigations | Team  
Co-Leader -  
Lobbying & Public  
Policy



**Paul J. Schulz**  
Senior Counsel



**Blaine S. Schwartz**  
Partner



**Charles E. Telford III**  
Partner



**Dennis C. Vacco**  
Partner | Executive  
Committee | Team  
Co-Leader -  
Government &  
Corporate  
Investigations



**Paul F. Wells**  
Partner | Executive  
Committee | Team  
Leader - Real Estate



**Alan S. Wexler**  
Retired Partner



**Andrew M. Wilson**  
Partner | Chief  
Advisory Officer |  
Team Co-Leader -  
Immigration