

"The Best Lawyers in America®" 2023 Edition Recognizes 48 Lippes Mathias Attorneys

BEST LAWYERS 2023

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BUFFALO, N.Y. – Lippes Mathias today announced that 48 of the firm’s Buffalo, Albany, Jacksonville, and Washington, D.C.-based attorneys have been listed on the 2023 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America* and *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch*.

“Recognition like this is an important reminder of our team’s relentless dedication to our clients and community,” Kevin J. Cross, Lippes Mathias managing partner and chairman said. “Congratulations to each of our attorneys across our footprint recognized in this year’s The Best Lawyers in America®.”

Attorneys recognized on *The Best Lawyers in America* list and the practice areas they were selected in include:

- **Edward C. Akel**
 - Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
 - 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**
 - Corporate Law
 - Tax Law
 - Trusts and Estates
- **Jillian E. Deck**
 - Banking and Finance Law
- **Adam B. Edgecombe**
 - Construction Law
- **Musa K. Farmand**
 - Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
 - Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs
- **Thomas J. Fennell**
 - Real Estate Law
- **Raymond L. Fink**
 - Banking and Finance Law
 - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Litigation – Bankruptcy
- **Scott E. Friedman**
 - Corporate Law
- **Emily G. Hannigan**
 - Labor Law - Union
- **Hon. Carol E. Heckman (Ret.)**
 - Appellate Practice
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Mediation
 - Native American Law
- **Gregory T. Ivancic**
 - Corporate Law
- **Keith R. Jacques**
 - Government Relations Practice
 - Labor Law - Union
- **John J. Koepfel**
 - Private Funds/Hedge Funds Law
 - Venture Capital Law
- **Anoush Koroghlian-Scott**
 - Health Care Law
- **Christian M. Lovelace**
 - Corporate Law
- **Brian C. Mahoney**

- Commercial Litigation
- **Eileen M. Martin**
 - Immigration 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
- **Karl J. Sleight**
 - Corporate Compliance Law
- **Eric M. Soehnlein**
 - Criminal Defense: General Practice
 - Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- **Joan P. Sullivan**
 - Corporate Compliance 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

Attorneys recognized on *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch* list and the practice area(s) they were selected in include:

- **Scott S. Allen, Jr.**
 - Criminal Defense: White-Collar
 - Government Relations Practice
- **Mary M. Balkin Cannata**
 - Corporate Law
- **Courtney Donahue Tasner**
 - Trusts and Estates
- **Ashley M. Emery**
 - Labor and Employment Law – Employee
- **Thomas B. Hughes**
 - Corporate Law
- **Travis S. McConnell**
 - Construction Law
- **Sean M. O'Brien**
 - Commercial Litigation
- **Andrew J. Olek**
 - Corporate Law
- **Jessica M. Peraza**
 - Elder Law
 - Litigation – Trusts and Estates
 - Trusts and Estates
- **Mitchell J. Ream**
 - Banking and Finance Law
 - Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
- **Tessa R. Scott**
 - Banking and Finance Law
 - Commercial Litigation

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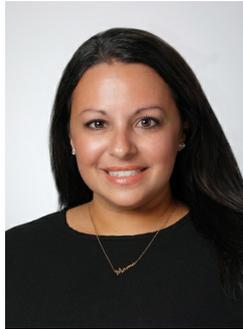
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