

Upstate New York Super Lawyers Lists 46 Lippes Mathias Attorneys in 2026 Edition



September 29, 2026 | **PRESS RELEASES**

Lippes Mathias LLP today announced that 46 attorneys based in six different offices across the firm's New York State footprint have been honored in the 2026 Upstate New York Super Lawyers and Rising Stars lists.

Earlier this year, twelve of the firm's Florida attorneys based in its Jacksonville, Tampa Bay, and West Palm Beach attorneys were [named to Florida Super Lawyers' 2026 edition](#). Those attorneys include: [Michael R. Bakst](#), [Matthew L. Brust](#), [Mark D. Canfield](#), [Mitchell R. Ghaneie](#), [Bari L. Goldstein](#), [Marshall J. Kobrin](#), [Matthew H. Maizes](#), [Sara A. Qureshi](#), [Robert G. Riegel, Jr.](#), [Stuart J. Subjinski](#), [Christopher A. Walker](#), and [Cathleen D. Ward](#).

Attorneys named to the 2026 Upstate New York Super Lawyers list include:

- [Randall P. Andreozzi](#) – Tax (Clarence)
- [Marc S. Beckman](#) – Health Care (Syracuse)
- [Gary Bluestein](#) – Tax (Clarence)
- [Brian J. Bocketti](#) – Banking (Buffalo)
- [Daniel F. Brown](#) – Bankruptcy: Business (Clarence)

- [Conor E. Brownell](#) – Business Litigation (Albany)
- [Kevin J. Cross](#) – Business Litigation (Buffalo)
- [Raymond L. Fink](#) – Bankruptcy: Business (Buffalo)
- [Kelly S. Foss](#) – Business Litigation (Rochester)
- [Scott E. Friedman](#) – Business/Corporate (Buffalo)
- [Amy Habib Rittling](#) – Employment & Labor (Buffalo)
- [Hon. Carol E. Heckman \(Ret.\)](#) – Business Litigation (Buffalo)
- [Thomas B. Hughes](#) – Mergers & Acquisitions (Buffalo)
- [Svetlana K. Ivy](#) – Business Litigation (Rochester)
- [Brendan P. Kelleher](#) – Employment & Labor (Buffalo)
- [Brendan H. Little](#) – Business Litigation (Buffalo)
- [Brian C. Mahoney](#) – Business Litigation (Buffalo)
- [Maureen Dunn McGlynn](#) – Health Care (Syracuse)
- [Kevin T. Merriman](#) – Insurance Coverage (Buffalo)
- [Johnny A. Mueller](#) – Bankruptcy: Business (Buffalo)
- [Jennifer C. Persico](#) – Civil Rights (Buffalo)
- [Brendan J. Rich](#) – Securities & Corporate Finance (Buffalo)
- [Meghann N. Roehl](#) – PI Medical Malpractice: Defense (Buffalo)
- [Blaine S. Schwartz](#) – Real Estate (Buffalo)
- [Karl J. Sleight](#) – Business Litigation (Albany)
- [Laura L. Spring](#) – Employment & Labor (Syracuse)
- [Joann Sternheimer](#) – Business Litigation (Albany)
- [Dennis C. Vacco](#) – Government Relations (Buffalo)
- [Paul F. Wells](#) – Real Estate (Buffalo)
- [Andrew M. Wilson](#) – Immigration: Business (Buffalo)

Attorneys selected for the 2026 Upstate New York Rising Stars list include:

- [Alana M. Becker](#) – Business/Corporate (Buffalo)
- [Hannah E. Cominsky](#) – Business Litigation (Buffalo)
- [Elise M. Edwards](#) – Health Care (Buffalo)
- [Ashley M. Emery](#) – Employment & Labor (Albany)
- [Donell L. Gibson, Jr.](#) – Business/Corporate (Buffalo)
- [Michael J. Gionta](#) – Business/Corporate (Rochester)
- [Mackenzie E. Hamill](#) – Banking (Buffalo)
- [Anthony M. Kroese](#) – Real Estate (Buffalo)
- [Gregory T. Measer](#) – Health Care (Buffalo)
- [Mina N. Mirzaie](#) – Business/Corporate (Saratoga Springs)
- [Thomas A. Mitchell](#) – Tax (Buffalo)
- [Gregory T. Myers](#) – Employment & Labor (Albany)
- [Andrew J. Olek](#) – Business/Corporate (Buffalo)
- [Mitchell J. Ream](#) – Banking (Buffalo)
- [Eliza P. Shea](#) – Business/Corporate (Buffalo)
- [Carmen A. Vacco](#) – Criminal Defense: White Collar (Buffalo)

Super Lawyers recognizes attorneys across more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The selection process includes independent research, peer nominations

and evaluations.

About Lippes Mathias LLP

Lippes Mathias is a full-service law firm with 220-plus attorneys serving clients regionally, nationally, and internationally. With offices in Buffalo, Clarence, Albany, Long Island, New York, Rochester, Syracuse, and Saratoga Springs, N.Y.; Greater Toronto Area; Chicago, Ill.; Jacksonville, Tampa Bay, and West Palm Beach, Fla.; Cleveland, Ohio; San Antonio, Texas; Oklahoma City, Okla.; and Washington, D.C., the firm represents publicly and privately owned companies, private equity and venture capital firms, independent sponsors, real estate developers, financial institutions, municipalities, governmental entities, and individuals.

Ranked No. 204 on The National Law Journal's NLJ 500 list of the largest law firms in the United States by attorney headcount, 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. For more information, visit www.lippes.com.

Related Team



Randall P. Andreozzi
Partner | Team Leader - Tax Controversy



Alana M. Becker
Associate



Marc S. Beckman
Partner | Team Co-Leader - Health Care



Gary P. Bluestein
Of Counsel



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



Daniel F. Brown
Senior Counsel



Conor E. Brownell
Partner



Hannah E.
Cominsky
Senior Associate



Kevin J. Cross
Managing Partner |
Chairman | Executive
Committee



Elise M. Edwards
Counsel



Ashley M. Emery
Partner



Raymond L. Fink
Partner



Kelly S. Foss
Partner



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



Donell L. Gibson, Jr.
Partner



Michael J. Gionta
Counsel



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



MacKenzie E. Hamill
Senior Associate



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



Thomas B. Hughes
Partner | Team Co-
Leader - Securities



Svetlana K. Ivy
Partner | Team
Leader - Appellate



Brendan P. Kelleher
Partner | Team Co-
Leader K-12
Education



Anthony M. Kroese
Partner



Brendan H. Little
Partner | Team
Leader - Consumer
Financial Services
Litigation



Brian C. Mahoney
Partner



Maureen Dunn
McGlynn
Partner



Gregory T. Measer
Partner



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



Mina N. Mirzaie
Associate



Thomas A. Mitchell
Partner



Johnny A. Mueller
Partner | Team
Leader - Financial
Restructuring &
Insolvency



Gregory T. Myers
Partner



Andrew J. Olek
Partner | Team
Leader - Artificial
Intelligence



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



Mitchell J. Ream
Partner



Brendan J. Rich
Partner | Team Co-
Leader - Corporate |
Team Leader -
Mergers &
Acquisitions



Meghann N. Roehl
Partner | Team
Leader - Medical
Malpractice Litigation
Defense



Blaine S. Schwartz
Partner



Eliza P. Shea
Partner



Karl J. Sleight
Partner | Office
Leader, Saratoga
Springs



Laura L. Spring
Partner



Joann Sternheimer
Partner | Team Co-
Leader - Automotive
& Truck Finance



Carmen Alexander
Vacco
Senior Associate



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



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



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