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CAPABILITIES

Corporate
Sports, Entertainment & Hospitality
Cannabis
Mergers and Acquisitions
Securities

Mr. Schafer, an attorney with Lippes Mathias' [Corporate Practice Team](#), assists clients with mergers & acquisitions, business formation and structuring, licensing, contract review and other general matters. With prior experience as a legal intern with the United States Tennis Association and as a former NCAA Division I athlete, coach, and administrator, he is also a member of the firm's [Sports, Entertainment & Hospitality Team](#). Prior to joining Lippes Mathias, Mr. Schafer gained extensive experience in commercial litigation, including breach of contract, antitrust, business disputes, cannabis, class action defense, and employment disputes.

As a member of the firm's [Cannabis Practice Team](#), Mr. Schafer has advised clients on hemp regulations, the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act, and has handled litigation matters for clients involved in the cannabis industry.

EDUCATION:

- University of Buffalo School of Law, J.D., 2018
- Davidson College, B.A., 2013

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- University at Buffalo School of Law, Adjunct Professor, Sports Law
- United States Tennis Association
 - Eastern Junior Competition Rules Committee
 - Tennis on Campus National Committee, 2021
- United Way of Buffalo & Erie County, Next Generation United
 - Advisory Board, Co-Chair
- *UB Law Sports Forum*, Co-founder and Contributor

HONORS & AWARDS

- *Upstate New York SuperLawyers*[®], Rising Star, 2021
- The United States District Court for the Western District of New York, Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2021
- New York State Bar Association Empire State Counsel[®] Program for Pro Bono Work, Honoree, 2020

PAST ACTIVITIES

- Daemen College Athletics Department, NCAA Compliance Extern & Assistant to Athletics Director
- *Buffalo Law Review*, Articles Editor
- United States Tennis Association, Professional Tennis and 2016 U.S. Open, Legal Intern

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- New York
- U.S. District Court, Western District of New York