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Rich focuses his practice on commercial [real estate](#) and [renewable energy](#) real estate matters including all aspects of sales, acquisitions, financing, and leasing of shopping centers, warehouse and industrial buildings, restaurants, hotels, office buildings, vacant land, and mobile home parks. Rich has represented sellers, buyers, landlords, tenants, lenders, and developers assisting with their commercial real estate needs, including drafting and negotiating contracts, leases, and financing documents, reviewing title, survey and other due diligence materials, and closing complex transactions. Rich also has experience with IDA and tax credit financing and 1031 deferred exchanges.

Rich is also involved with renewable energy real estate projects where he has assisted clients with the real estate aspects of solar and wind development projects including assessing site control issues and drafting and reviewing site control agreements and reviewing title, survey, and other due diligence. Rich helps clients with drafting and reviewing “green leases” and electric vehicle charging station agreements.

Prior to joining Lippes Mathias, Rich served as a legislative assistant to a New York State Senator.

EDUCATION

- University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, J.D., 2012
- University of Michigan, B.A., 2009

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Bar Association of Erie County
- New York State Bar Association
- American Bar Association

HONORS & AWARDS

- *Upstate New York SuperLawyers®*, Rising Star, 2020-2023
- *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch©*, 2025

CAPABILITIES

Real Estate
Renewable Energy
Environment & Energy

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- SSG William R. Wilson III Memorial Foundation
- Lawyers for Learning Board of Directors, Treasurer
- Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus Rotary Club
- University of Michigan, Alumni Student Recruiter

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- New York