

## Lippes Mathias Advises CannonDesign in Merger with SRG Partnership



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Lippes Mathias is pleased to congratulate its client, CannonDesign on a successful merger with SRG Partnership which brings CannonDesign to 18 offices and nearly 1,300 teammates across North America and India.

CannonDesign was represented by Lippes Mathias attorneys Brendan J. Rich and Elise M. Edwards as well as Devon R. McDonald, the firm's director of tax. CannonDesign is a design solutions firm at the nexus of architecture, strategy, experience, interior design, engineering and social impact. The firm is consistently recognized by Fast Company as one of the most innovative companies in the world, designing buildings, experiences and strategies for esteemed organizations such as Mayo Clinic, Memorial Sloan Kettering, LinkedIn, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Under Armour, University of Chicago Medicine, CalTech and more.

Brendan J. Rich, a partner and leader of the firm's corporate and mergers & acquisitions practice teams, focuses his practice on all aspects of corporate law, including mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, joint ventures, securities offerings and related matters, private equity/venture capital, corporate structuring, succession planning, corporate governance and legal compliance issues and programs. Rich is counsel for clients ranging from startups and nonprofits to Fortune 500 companies in a broad range of industries, some examples of which include marketing/advertising, architecture/engineering, banking/financial services, biotechnology, asset receivable

management, food and beverage production, healthcare, investment banking, private equity sponsors and investors, real estate development, software, technology and telecommunications, among others.

Elise Edwards primarily provides corporate and regulatory counsel with respect to healthcare and life science business transactions and compliance matters. Edwards assists clients in navigating and achieving efficient and effective solutions in an array of matters ranging from day-to-day operations to large transactions to providing regulatory and compliance guidance. Her experience includes counseling hospitals, physicians and physician group practices, health plans, and start-ups throughout healthcare mergers, acquisitions, corporate finance transactions, insurance regulation, intellectual property and information technology matters, corporate reorganizations, practitioner employment agreements, and HIPAA compliance matters.

Devon R. McDonald, CPA, has over 15 years of diverse tax experience, delivering transactional tax advice to clients including domestic and foreign business entities. McDonald has specific expertise in entity tax matters, with a focus on privately and closely held business entities, including private equity-backed businesses. He counsels clients in a variety of areas including domestic and international tax matters for family-owned businesses, mergers, acquisitions, and other transaction-related tax matters, structuring for private equity backed and privately/closely held portfolio companies and funds, state & local tax issues, as well as routine tax planning and compliance services. McDonald also has experience advising clients on Qualified Opportunity Zones (QOZ) and Qualified Small Business Stock (QSBS) investments.

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*Lippes Mathias is a full-service law firm with nearly 200 attorneys serving clients regionally, nationally, and internationally. With offices in Buffalo, Clarence, Albany, Long Island, New York, Rochester and Saratoga Springs, N.Y.; Greater Toronto Area; Chicago, Ill.; Jacksonville, 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.*

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