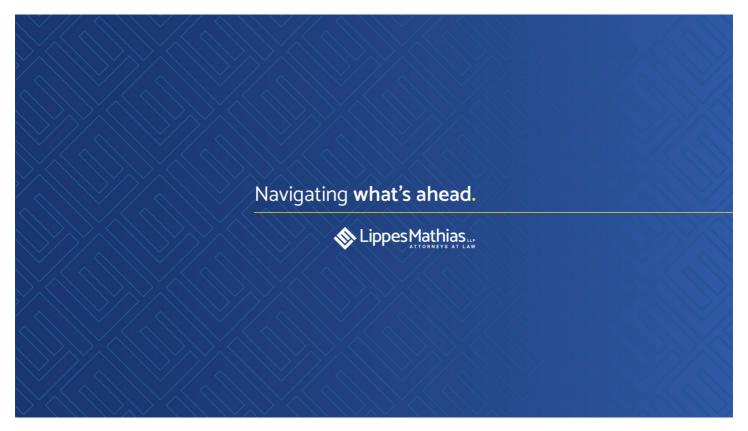


Lippes Mathias LLP Expands, Opens Rochester NY Office, Adds Michael R. Overmyer as Partner



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BUFFALO, N.Y. – As part of the firm's sustained, strategic growth, Lippes Mathias LLP today announced the opening of its eighth office location in Rochester, N.Y. The addition adds to Lippes Mathias' multi-state footprint, which already includes offices in Buffalo, Albany, Washington, D.C., Jacksonville, Fla., Chicago, New York City and the Greater Toronto Area, and is the latest installment in a period of significant, organic growth for the firm, which has grown from 48 attorneys to 135 in the last eight years.

Along with the news of its Rochester office's opening, the firm also announced the addition of Michael Overmyer as a partner in the new Rochester office. Overmyer, a Rochester native, joins Lippes Mathias from a previous partnership with Phillips Lytle LLP, bringing with him a successful practice focused on commercial banking and commercial real estate. Michael will represent businesses, real estate developers and financial institutions in a variety of complex financial and banking matters, including the direct purchase of tax-exempt bonds and matters financed in part with low-income housing and historic tax credits. Michael is a 2008 graduate of Pepperdine University School of Law, and a 2005 graduate of the State University of New York at Fredonia. Michael is admitted to practice in both New York and California.

"The opening of our Rochester office and the addition of Michael to our team is the logical next step as we continue to grow in service of our banking and financial services clients," said Brian J. Bocketti, Executive Committee member and team co-leader of Lippes Mathias' Banking & Financial Transactions Practice Team. "I've known and respected Michael and his practice for years, and I am thrilled at the opportunity his addition presents to our firm, our clients and the Rochester and Northeast United States business and banking communities."

"This is the perfect fit. Lippes Mathias presents me with an industry-leading model of service to best serve my clients' legal needs," said Michael R. Overmyer, partner, Lippes Mathias. "Rochester is my home, and by joining Lippes Mathias, I'll be able to leverage the firm's network of offices, depth of resources and attention to culture to bolster my practice and continually enhance our client service."

"The expansion of our firm to better serve our growing needs is a constant point of emphasis," Kevin J. Cross, managing partner, Lippes Mathias. "I have no doubt that Michael will be a tremendous asset for the firm, as our new Rochester presence will be to the Rochester business community. I am proud of our ability to grow while retaining our culture of collegiality. I am proud we are an employer of choice."

Lippes Mathias' new Rochester office currently includes space for a team of 12 with opportunities to grow larger. The address of the new location is 400 Linden Oaks Dr., Suite 150, Rochester, N.Y. 14562.

About Lippes Mathias LLP

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