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Attorneys on Lippes Mathias' Appellate Team are well-known and respected for their knowledge and experience handling appeals in New York state courts and federal courts across the country. Our team has briefed and argued many cases in each of the four Departments of the Appellate Division as well as before the New York Court of Appeals, and regularly handle and consult on motions for leave to appeal to the New York Court of Appeals. Outside of the New York Courts, the Appellate Team has briefed and successfully argued matters in multiple federal Courts of Appeals.

The firm's appellate attorneys are especially skilled at distilling and translating even the most complex legal issues into compelling, straightforward arguments. The team can work alongside trial counsel, consulting and offering a fresh perspective, arrange moot court sessions to prepare attorneys for high-stakes oral arguments, or take over a case from trial counsel and handle it completely at the appellate stage. Trial counsel may know the facts of the case best, but the appellate courts are limited to reviewing the Record on Appeal, and the task of appellate counsel is to know the Record, select the right arguments for appeal and frame those arguments in the most understandable and persuasive manner possible. This can be especially challenging in complex commercial matters or cases where factual details are confusing or overwhelming, and appellate counsel can be critical to focusing the arguments in the most effective way.

The Lippes Mathias Appellate Team is often involved well before the appellate stage of litigation, offering strategic counsel and legal analysis in anticipation of a matter eventually making its way to the higher courts. Involving appellate counsel early can be critical to ensuring the eventual Record on Appeal includes the appropriate evidence and all potential arguments are preserved for appeal.

With the unique ability to leverage a growing network of nearly 200 firm attorneys based in 14 offices across the country, the Lippes Mathias Appellate Team can draw on the collective firm knowledge of specific practice areas, industries and localities. Clients take to the firm's highly collaborative approach and appreciate that each matter is appropriately staffed depending on the needs of the case.

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