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Mr. Rossetti, the firm's [Government & Corporate Investigations Practice Team](#) Co-Leader and [Indian Law Practice Team](#) Co-Leader, focuses on advising tribal clients on economic development and Indian gaming, tribal governance matters, litigation matters, and the settlement of Indian water rights. He also lobbies on a broad range of tribal concerns, and advises clients on land use and other issues before the Department of the Interior, including the Bureau of Land Management, the Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service. Additionally, Mr. Rossetti advises clients regarding state attorneys general issues and federal investigations.

Prior to joining Lippes Mathias, Mr. Rossetti was a partner at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Rossetti previously served for three years as personal counselor to the secretary of the Department of the Interior in Washington, where he assisted the secretary in formulating and implementing policies regarding Indian economic development, Indian gaming, land acquisition, law enforcement and homeland security. Among the decisions made during his tenure were the approval of the gaming compacts submitted by Indian tribes in the states of New York, Arizona, New Mexico and Wisconsin and a positive two-part determination by the secretary regarding a gaming facility proposed by the Jena Band of the Choctaw Indians in Louisiana. He also served on the federal committee charged with negotiating the implementation of regulations for certain Indian schools under the No Child Left Behind Act, a presidential educational initiative. In addition, he spearheaded the secretary's review and implementation of department-wide law enforcement recommendations made by the inspector general, resulting in the adoption of significant departmental reform. In the aftermath of the tragic events of September 11, 2001, on behalf of the secretary, he coordinated the national law enforcement and security response to national July 4th celebrations on Interior lands, including on

## CAPABILITIES

Indian Law  
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- International
- State Attorneys General  
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Israel-U.S. Cross Border  
Litigation  
Transportation  
Public Law & Policy  
Cannabis  
Tribal Environmental Matters  
Environmental Policy and  
Advocacy

the National Mall, Mount Rushmore National Memorial, and at the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial.

Mr. Rossetti served as an assistant county attorney in Buffalo, New York, and as the executive deputy and general counsel to New York State's Office of the Advocate for Persons with Disabilities.

## **EDUCATION**

- Cleveland State University, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, J.D., 1987
- University at Buffalo, B.A., 1981

## **PUBLIC SERVICE**

- New York State Office of the Advocate for Persons with Disabilities, Executive Deputy and General Counsel
- Office of the Attorney General of New York, Chief Deputy
- Erie County Department of Law (NY), Assistant County Attorney
- U.S. Department of the Interior, Counselor to the Secretary
- Assistant United States Attorney (WDNY)
- Served on the No Child Left Behind Act negotiated rulemaking committee

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Native American law
- *The Best Lawyers in America*© (2007-2015, 2018-2023), Native American law

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- Advisory Board Member, Executive 1 Holding Company, LLC

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Co-Author, "[Native American Tribes - Trends in Alternative Investments](#) "
- Co-Author, "10 Things to Know About Native American Policy: Part 2," Law360, December 12, 2017
- Co-Author, "10 Things to Know About Native American Policy: Part 1," Law360, December 11, 2017
- Co-Author, "A Successful US Supreme Court Term for Native Americans," Law360, July 7, 2017
- Co-Author, "State AGs Responding to Trump Policies: 3 Areas to Watch," Law360, June 26, 2017

## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- Presenter, "Effective Legislative Advocacy in a Presidential Election

Year,” National Indian and Gaming Association Midyear Conference and Expo, September 18, 2019

- Presenter, "The Opioids Saga: What Comes Next" ABA Section of Antitrust Law, December 12, 2019
- Presenter, "Opioids and Consumer Protection: Are State Consumer Protection Laws a Potential Panacea to the Opioid Epidemic?," ABA Section of Antitrust Law, March 8, 2018
- Presenter, "Trust and Collaboration: The Importance of Tribal Consultation," Federal Bar Association 2017 Indian Law Conference, Scottsdale, AZ, April 7, 2017
- Presenter, "Legislative Update," Coalition of Large Tribes, Washington, D.C., September 28, 2016
- Moderator, "Legislative Update," 8th Annual Native American Economic Development Conference, Anaheim, CA, June 16, 2014
- Presenter, "Eye of the Target, A Corporate View of Attorney General Enforcement," Sponsored by Akin Gump, New York, NY, October 20, 2009
- Presenter, "Eye of the Target, A Corporate View of Attorney General Enforcement," Sponsored by WMACCA Litigation Forum, Washington, D.C., September 16, 2009
- Moderator, "Roundtable with Decision Makers: Indian Gaming, Indian lands – How Do the Feds Make decisions?" Federal Bar Association's 9th Annual Indian Law Conference, Washington, D.C., October 19, 2007
- Presenter, "Off-Reservation Gaming Policy Issues," G2E Conference, Las Vegas, NV, October 5, 2004

## **ADMITTED TO PRACTICE**

- New York
- District of Columbia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court, District of Columbia