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OVERVIEW

As a corporate transactional attorney, Lucas works closely with clients across a variety of industries to identify creative, customized solutions.

Lucas is a versatile transactional attorney who advises clients across a wide spectrum of industries on complex matters, including mergers and acquisitions, restructurings, joint ventures and financing transactions.

As a Delaware-licensed attorney, Lucas brings extensive experience in areas of corporate governance and entity selection, guiding clients through the intricacies of organizational structure and best practices. He collaborates closely with them as well as the firm's nationwide team to deliver innovative, cost-effective, and tailored legal solutions that address both immediate needs and long-term business objectives.

Lucas is recognized for his strategic approach, commitment to client service, and ability to anticipate and resolve challenges in a rapidly evolving legal and business landscape.

Industry

Energy & Natural Resources

Services

Corporate
Energy Storage
Mergers & Acquisitions
Securities & Corporate Governance
Solar Energy
Wind Energy

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Experience

- Represented Casey's General Stores, Inc. in a series of unrelated strategic acquisitions.
- Counseled the ownership group of a professional sports franchise on its sale of a majority interest in the franchise.
- Represented a non-profit institution of higher learning in its $125 million acquisition of a portfolio of vocational training institutions.
- Represented a private equity buyer in its approximately $90 million acquisition of a maritime transportation company.
- Represented a private equity seller in its $45 million disposition of an Australian software company.
- Represented a publicly traded minerals production company as lead associate in its approximately $45 million equity investment in a fire-retardant manufacturing company.
- Assisted renewable energy investment fund in its $43 million acquisition of a portfolio of operational renewable energy assets capable of producing 18.2 MW.
- Assisted the expansion of a private multinational education provider into the United States market through a $40 million acquisition of a special education business.
- Represented a national sewer sanitation and maintenance company in its approximately $28 million strategic acquisition of a competitor.
- Represented a private equity seller in its $25 million disposition of a printing software and equipment company.
- Represented a private equity buyer in its $20 million acquisition of a packaging and logistics company.
- Represented a publicly traded bank in multiple strategic acquisitions of established broker dealers specializing in public finance underwriting and transaction advisory services.
- Represented a distributor of a multinational beverage company in the sale of its business.

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Experience

- Represented a multinational clothing brand in the divestiture of its brick-and-mortar retail business line.
- Represented a regional accounting and business consulting firm as lead associate in a series of strategic acquisitions.
- Assisted the ownership group of a professional sports franchise on an internal restructuring of the franchise and the sale of a minority interest.
- Guided the acquisition of multiple portfolios of development community solar projects in Illinois, New Hampshire, and New Jersey.
- Represented special purpose acquisition company Northern Genesis Acquisition Corp. in its de-SPAC merger into a subsidiary of The Lion Electric Company, a manufacturer of all-electric medium and heavy-duty urban vehicles.
- Represented special purpose acquisition company Northern Genesis Acquisition Corp. II in its de-SPAC PIPE financing and business combination with Embark Trucks Inc., an autonomous trucking software company.
- Advised the special independent board committee of various energy clients on their acquisition or sale of energy-related projects, including petroleum production plants and renewable energy facilities.
- Led the local corporate counsel work for a global green energy company in connection with the development of a utility-scale hydrogen plant.
- Advised multiple national clients on large-scale joint venture and joint development agreements, including in the textiles and natural resource extraction industries.

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Recognition

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*
  - Corporate Law, 2026 and 2027
  - Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2026 and 2027
- Missouri Bar Pro Bono Wall of Fame, 2021

Education

- J.D., University of Iowa College of Law
- B.S., Texas Christian University

Admissions

- Missouri
- Delaware
- U.S. District Court, District of Delaware
- New York

Community Leadership

Lucas has volunteered with several nonprofits – such as soup kitchens, community gardens and housing repair organizations that keep families in their homes. Lucas also works with nonprofits in an advisory role on a pro bono basis – advising them on volunteer waivers, nonprofit status, board functions and other critical elements that help these organizations continue to help others.

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