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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. With a particular emphasis on the renewable energy sector, Lucas regularly represents clients in the acquisition, development, and financing of wind, solar, and other renewable energy projects.

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 clients and 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

Experience

- Represented Lindenwood Education System as the lead associate in its \$125 million acquisition of a portfolio of vocational education institutions.
- Represented a Coca-Cola distributor as the lead associate in the sale of its business to a larger regional distributor.
- Assisted Swift Current with a variety of commercial contracting matters across its portfolio of developmental renewable energy projects.
- Represented Casey's General Stores, Inc. as lead associate in the acquisition of a portfolio of convenience stores in Oklahoma and Texas.
- Represented Compass Minerals as lead associate in its licensing of novel lithium extraction technology for testing and use at its lithium extraction projects.
- Represented Casey's General Stores, Inc. as lead associate in the acquisition of a portfolio of convenience stores in Kentucky and Tennessee.
- Represented Hanesbrands in the proposed divestiture of its textile manufacturing facility in El Salvador.
- Represented Commerce Bancshares as lead associate in its strategic acquisition of an established broker dealer specializing in public finance underwriting.
- Assist pro-bono client in corporate governance matters and real estate transactions.
- Assisted Generate Capital in its acquisition of a portfolio of development community solar projects in the State of Illinois.
- Represented Commerce Bank as lead associate in its proposed acquisition of another regional bank in Colorado.
- Represented Five Elms Capital in the disposition of a software portfolio company to a foreign buyer.
- Represented Hanesbrands in the divestiture of its brick-and-mortar retail business line.

Experience

- Represented RubinBrown LLP as lead associate in its strategic acquisition of a certified public accounting firm.
- Represented Moore Engineering as lead associate in its strategic acquisition of a hydro-engineering firm.
- Represented Casey's General Stores, Inc. as lead associate in the acquisition of a portfolio of convenience stores in Oklahoma.
- Represented Swift Current as lead associate in the proposed acquisition of a development solar project in New Hampshire.
- Assist in the drafting project level agreements for a development solar project in Illinois.
- Represented a regional accounting and business consulting firm as lead associate in a series of strategic acquisitions.
- Assist in the drafting project level agreements for a development solar project in Mississippi.
- Assisted renewable energy client in its acquisition of a development community solar project in New Jersey.
- Represented Casey's General Stores, Inc. as lead associate in the proposed acquisition of a portfolio of convenience stores.
- Represented Casey's General Stores, Inc. as lead associate in a series of unrelated strategic acquisitions.
- Assisted renewable energy investment fund in its \$43 million acquisition of a portfolio of operational renewable energy projects capable of producing 18.2 MW.
- Represented a national minerals production company as lead associate in its approximately \$45 million equity investment in a fire retardant manufacturing company.
- Represented national sewer sanitation and maintenance company as lead associate in its approximately \$28 million strategic acquisition of a competitor.

Experience

- Represented a non-profit institution of higher learning in its \$125 million acquisition of a group of vocational training institutions.
- Counseled the ownership group of a professional sports franchise on a corporate restructuring and the sale of a minority interest.
- Represented the local distributor of a multinational beverage company in the sale of its business.
- Represented a multinational clothing brand in the divestiture of its brick and mortar retail business line.
- Represented regional bank client as lead associate in its strategic acquisition of an established broker dealer specializing in public finance underwriting.
- 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.

Recognition

- 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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