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Overview

Lucas Curtis is a Managing Associate in Benesch's Litigation Practice Group who represents various stakeholders in complex commercial disputes, including businesses, creditors, trustees, litigation fiduciaries, directors, and officers. His practice spans business disputes, civil litigation, and bankruptcy litigation, with significant experience guiding clients through high-stakes matters involving distressed companies, risk management, and cross-border issues.

With experience leading large-scale litigation matters and developing case strategy in close collaboration with clients and senior business leaders, Lucas represents both domestic and international clients in federal courts, handling all phases of litigation, including dispositive motion practice, discovery, depositions, evidentiary hearings, settlement negotiations, and trial preparation. His experience involves representing both plaintiffs and defendants in complex commercial disputes and pre-suit investigations, including breach of fiduciary duty, breach of contract, business tort, fraudulent transfer, and preferential transfer claims.

Lucas approaches litigation with a focus on aligning legal strategy with client objectives. Known for his thoughtful, practical approach, he works to simplify complex legal issues, maintain clear communication, and develop efficient strategies that advance clients' business goals. A former collegiate baseball player, he brings a competitive mindset, strong teamwork skills, and a disciplined approach to solving challenging legal problems.

Prior to joining Benesch, Lucas practiced as a commercial litigator at an international law firm, where he played a key role in some of the country's most significant bankruptcy and restructuring-related litigation matters. He served on the team representing the litigation fiduciary for the Celsius Network LLC post-bankruptcy estates, helping manage and prosecute thousands of claims on behalf of creditors and the estate. He also served as litigation counsel to debtors, creditors' committees and other stakeholders in large Chapter 11 proceedings across a variety of industries.

Before entering private practice, Lucas served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable David S. Doty of the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota, where he gained valuable insight into litigation strategy and approaches from the court's perspective.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Carleton College, 2017, B.A., *cum laude*, Political Science and International Relations
 - Distinction in Major
 - Distinction in Integrative Exercise
 - Baseball, Captain (2017)
 - Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Academic All-Conference Teams (2015-2017)
- University of Minnesota Law School, 2020, J.D., *magna cum laude*
 - Order of the Coif
 - Minnesota Law Review, Senior Articles Editor & Staff Member
 - American Law Institute-Continuing Legal Education 2020 Scholarship and Leadership Award
 - Civil Litigation Concentration
 - International Law Concentration
 - Class of 2020 Concentration Honors Award in International Law
 - Human Rights Litigation and International Law Advocacy Clinic, Student Director

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- New York
- Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota

- Minnesota

Clerkships

- Law Clerk for the Honorable David S. Doty, U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota, 2020-2021