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Lucinda Luetkemeyer represents individuals and companies in a wide range of litigation, including high-stakes criminal and civil investigations and complex commercial matters. A partner at the firm, Lucinda has represented clients in investigations involving state and federal campaign finance law, the False Claims Act, anti-bribery laws, criminal tax matters, and fraud. In addition to ongoing investigations, Lucinda also counsels clients on related disclosure and regulatory issues and helps conduct internal investigations to assess potential liability before the government becomes involved.

Lucinda has advised clients facing investigations conducted by civil and criminal divisions of the Department of Justice, various U.S. Attorney's Offices, and the Federal Elections Commission, as well as by state agencies, state attorneys general, and congressional investigative committees. She regularly counsels clients on compliance with state and federal ethics and campaign finance laws, with experience advising candidates for state and federal office, statewide officials, members of Congress, political committees, and non-profits.

Lucinda previously served as counsel to the governor of Missouri, where she advised the state's executive branch on an array of legal issues, including the constitutionality of legislation, executive orders, vetoes, appointments, federal initiatives, and disaster declarations. In addition, she managed the governor's judicial appointments process, overseeing the appointment of nearly forty judges to Missouri trial and appellate courts. Lucinda led a team of lawyers who advised on criminal justice issues, including executions and requests for pardons and executive clemency.

In her prior role, Lucinda conducted internal investigations and developed administration-wide policies involving open records laws, ethics, and compliance, coordinated the response of executive agencies to investigations and enforcement actions, and oversaw and managed major litigation in conjunction with the Missouri Attorney General's Office.

In addition to her practice advising clients interacting with the government, Lucinda represents clients in complex civil litigation and appellate matters. She has experience in all stages of litigation, from conducting discovery to serving as trial counsel.

After graduating first in her class at the University of Missouri School of Law, Lucinda clerked for the Honorable Duane Benton at the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Before law school, Lucinda graduated summa cum laude from the University of Missouri with degrees in news-editorial journalism and political science.



A native of southwest Missouri, Lucinda lives in Parkville with her husband, Tony.

Representative Matters

- Obtained dismissal of felony charge against Kansas City area executive arising out of allegations of federal immigration law violations
- Negotiated pre-indictment resolution of investigation and prosecution into alleged money laundering against company and business owner
- Conducted an internal investigation for a publicly traded company into whistleblower allegations of foreign corrupt practices
- Represented a member of Congress in House Ethics Investigation and parallel state investigation and prosecution for voter fraud
- Represented a national political consultant in responding to grand jury subpoena in investigation related to federal campaign finance violations
- Represented a political fundraiser in investigation by the Department of Justice Public Corruption and Civil Rights Section into alleged wrongdoing by elected officials
- Represented and advised a federal Super PAC on compliance with federal campaign finance law in the months leading up to the 2016 presidential election
- Represented a publicly traded corporation in internal investigation into whistleblower allegations of violations of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act and other employment-related claims
- Represented a former state lawmaker in civil jury trial for campaign finance and ethics charges arising from allegations of improper coordination
- Represented a publicly traded utility company in state-level consumer fraud investigation
- Represented a national railroad in defense of a misdemeanor federal Clean Water Act violation, resulting in dismissal of the indictment
- Represented a national propane supplier in workplace safety investigation by the Department of Justice involving potential violations of OSHA and the Clean Air Act
- Represented political activists and non-profit in taxpayer litigation against state ethics regulators who participated in a long-running "John Doe" investigation in Wisconsin

PRACTICE AREAS

- White Collar Criminal Defense & Government Investigations
- Commercial and Business Litigation
- Free Speech & Election Law
- Professional Liability

RECOGNITIONS AND DISTINCTIONS

- Chambers USA, Recognized Attorney in Missouri for Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations, 2023
- Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch, 2023
- 40 Under Forty Business Leaders, Kansas City Ingram's Magazine, 2020
- Up & Coming Lawyer Award, Missouri Lawyers Weekly, 2019
- Missouri & Kansas Rising Star, Super Lawyers, 2015-2018, 2020-2021



CIVIC AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association's Ross T. Roberts Trial Academy
- The Federalist Society, Midwest Regional Leadership

EDUCATION

- University of Missouri, B.J. (news-editorial journalism); B.A. (political science)
 - summa cum laude
- University of Missouri School of Law, J.D.
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BAR ADMISSIONS

- Missouri
- Kansas

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- Pro Hac across the nation as necessary