



**Lucas Chrencik**  
**Partner**

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Lucas Chrencik is a partner with Goodell DeVries. His practice is concentrated in the defense of medical malpractice claims. He has successfully represented healthcare institutions, practice groups, and individual physicians and other providers throughout Maryland in professional liability matters alleging birth trauma, serious bodily injury, negligent medication administration, cancer misdiagnosis, pulmonary embolism, surgical complications, nursing home negligence, and wrongful death. He is responsible for all aspects of litigation and discovery, including investigating claims and developing litigation strategy. He has experience recruiting and preparing expert witnesses, taking and defending fact and expert depositions, and drafting and arguing dispositive and other motions. Lucas is also responsible for mediation and negotiation, trial preparation, and appeals.

Lucas' practice also includes defending healthcare-related prisoner litigation claims. In that role, he defends correctional healthcare providers in 42 U.S.C. § 1983 claims brought by Maryland state prisoners in United States District Court for the District of Maryland and the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. Managing the correctional healthcare practice involves developing creative and innovative defenses and strategies in response to the unique standard of care and causation issues that arise in the context of prisoner litigation. Lucas' previous litigation experience also included representing residential property owners in Baltimore City in cases alleging neurologic injury from lead paint exposure.

Lucas has been recognized as a Maryland Super Lawyers Rising Star in the Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice: Defense category from 2019-2023.

Before joining the firm as an associate in 2010, Lucas interned for the Honorable Alan M. Wilner on the Supreme Court of Maryland. While in law school, Lucas was a member of the *University of Baltimore Law Review* and the Cardozo/BMI Entertainment and Communications Law Moot Court Team and received the Professor Jaap de Zwaan Scholarship to study at Erasmus University School of Law in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. Prior to law school, Lucas taught World and

African American History at Sayre High School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

## Practice Areas

- Medical Malpractice
- Toxic Tort and Environmental Litigation

## Court Admissions

- Maryland
- United States District Court for the District of Columbia
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland

## Education

- University of Baltimore, School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2010)
  - *University of Baltimore Law Review*
  - Heusler Honor Society
  - Cardozo/BMI Moot Court Team
- Temple University (B.S., *magna cum laude*, 2006)

## Representative Matters

- Drafted winning appellate brief to the Appellate Court of Maryland on complex issue of res judicata
- Drafted winning appellate brief to the Appellate Court of Maryland on Maryland pre-trial procedure
- Co-authored successful motion for judgment notwithstanding the verdict following medical malpractice trial
- Drafted successful motion to dismiss large hospital client in case alleging claims of negligence, intentional infliction of emotional distress, and false imprisonment
- Obtained partial summary judgment in lead-paint exposure case on statute of limitations grounds

## Publications and Seminars

- “Enough is Enough: Reining in the Substantial Factor Test for Causation,” *DRI For The Defense* (January 2013)

## Honors and Awards

- Maryland Super Lawyers – Rising Star
  - Personal Injury – Medical Malpractice: Defense (2018-2023)