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Robert R. Lucic

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Bob has over 30 years of extensive complex commercial litigation experience throughout the United States including administrative agency proceedings, arbitrations, jury trials and appellate practice involving both multi-national corporations and small businesses. Bob serves a wide range of manufacturing clients, including robotics aerospace, defense and high-tech companies as well as national, state and municipal governments. He regularly counsels clients on intellectual property and antitrust compliance issues. Bob's practice focus includes patent and trade secret litigation; environmental litigation; stockholder and partnership disputes; and investor disputes. He also provides strategic counseling to industrial clients and small businesses. Bob served for six years as the Chair of the Firm's Litigation Department

Bob serves as Vice President of the New Hampshire Bar Association Board of Governors and is chair of the of the Special Committee on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and co-chair of the Committee on Cooperation with the Courts. He is also active in the Massachusetts Federal Bar Association.

Bob is the firm's liaison with Lex Mundi, the world's leading association of independent law firms. He is currently Regional Vice Chair for North America of their Litigation, Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Practice Group and is the Chair Emeritus for the Environmental Practice Group. He served as worldwide chair from 2017-2019. Bob assisted in organizing conferences on climate change in New York (2017) and Paris (2019).

Bob joined the firm in 1991 after practicing in New York City. He also speaks German and French.



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Key Cases

- Represents companies in patent infringement cases throughout the United States.
- Favorably settled a trade secret and unfair competition action on behalf of natural gas industry clients.
- Represents industrial clients in CERCLA proceedings in New York and New England.
- Won multi-million dollar arbitration involving failure of remedy at Superfund Site.
- Successfully served as mediator in allocation of CERCLA liability at complex multi-party Superfund Site
- Represents electronic component manufacturer in patent litigation.
- Successfully represented a trademark holder in obtaining an injunction against an Internet Web site violating its trademark.
- Successfully represented a major franchise organization on appeal in a joint venture dispute.
- Represents municipalities regarding compliance with the Clean Water Act.
- Represented MS4 municipal communities regarding stormwater permitting.

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Practice Areas

- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Environment & Energy Litigation
- Business Litigation
- Antitrust
- Shareholder Disputes

Admissions

- State of New Hampshire
- State of New York
- Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- First Circuit
- Second Circuit
- Federal Circuit Court of Appeal
- U.S. Court of Appeals D.C. Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

Education

- J.D., University of Chicago Law School
- B.A., Dartmouth College

Civic Involvement

- Vice President, New Hampshire Bar Association Board of Governors
- President, Squam Lakes Association (2017-2020)
- Dartmouth College Alumni Association
- University of Chicago Law School Alumni Associations
- Dartmouth College Club in New York City
- Yale Club of New York City

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Awards

- Chambers USA, Environmental
- Best Lawyers in America®, Commercial Litigation
- New England Super Lawyer®, Environmental Litigation

Publications

- Decoding the Debate: San Francisco v. EPA (p 27)
- United States v. Google: Now What
- Your clients are using AI, you need to be ready
- Client Alert: A Closer Look at the FTC's Proposed Ban on Non-competes
- Supreme Court limits U.S. discovery in foreign arbitration proceedings
- Lex Mundi Global Climate Change Law Guide
- Lex Mundi: Guide to Gathering Evidence in Aid of Foreign Jurisdictions
- DES weighs changes to contaminated site rules
- EPA v. EME Home City Generation: How EPA Is Fighting Immigration . . . of Air Pollution