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John Paul Lucci is a partner in Hahn Loeser's Business Practice Area and co-chair of the firm's Corporate Transactions Group. John Paul has a primary focus on mergers and acquisitions, private equity and general corporate law. He has represented clients in leveraged buyout transactions and venture capital financings, as well as private-equity funds in the acquisition and disposition of portfolio companies.

John Paul has served as general counsel to private-equity portfolio companies and represented closely held family businesses in sales to private equity and strategic acquirers. In one of his more visible transactions in Northeast Ohio, John Paul served as corporate counsel to the developer of the Greater Cleveland Aquarium.

In addition to his corporate expertise, John Paul has developed a significant gaming and regulatory practice. Most recently, he served as onsite counsel to a publicly traded gaming company. During this tenure, John Paul supervised a diverse litigation portfolio and negotiated commercial and gaming contracts.

Publications & Speaking Engagements

- Co-Author, "Risks of Marijuana-Related Businesses," Properties Magazine, February 2018.
- Author, "4th and 205: How a Rush of Global Comments Blocked the SEC's First Attempted Punt of Attorney-Client Privilege Under Sarbanes-Oxley," 20 TOURO L. REV. 363, 2004.
- Author, "Enron The Bankruptcy Heard Around the World and the International Ricochet of Sarbanes," *ALB.L.REV.211*, 2003.
- Author, Note, "New York Revises Ethics Rules to Permit Limited MDPs: A
 Critical Analysis of the New York Approach, the Future of the MDP Debate
 after Enron, and Recommendations for Other Jurisdictions," 8
 FORDHAM J. CORP. & FIN. L. 151, 2003.

Professional History

- Partner, Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP, 2012-present; Associate, 2009-11.
- Associate, Jones Day, 2003-09; Summer Associate, 2002.
- Summer Associate, Squire Sanders & Dempsey LLP, 2001.
- Vice President of Research and Operations, The Community Partnership for Arts and Culture, 1998-2000.

Admissions

State of Ohio, 2003.

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Education

- Case Western Reserve University School of Law, J.D., magna cum laude, 2003.
 - o Honors & Activities: Order of the Coif; Case Western Reserve Law Review, Articles Editor, 2003.
- Case Western Reserve University, M.A., Political Science, with honors in American Government, 1997.
- Case Western Reserve University, B.A., with honors in Political Science and History, *summa cum laude*, 1997.

Awards & Distinctions

- Rising Star, *Ohio Super Lawyers*®, 2012-13.
- The Best Lawyers in America®, Corporate Law, 2018-22, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2022.

Community Involvement

• Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, Board Member, 2011-2017.

Personal

Born and raised in Ohio, John Paul enjoys spending his spare time hiking with his family and exploring the forests of Northeast Ohio.