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D. Luke Thomas is a Member in the Business Law practice group, as well as the Banking and Construction industry groups, focusing primarily on banking and finance, commercial contracts (negotiation and drafting), and real estate (acquisition, development, and divestiture). He practices out of the Firm's office in Bridgeport, West Virginia.

Luke regularly advises clients across a number of industries, including banking, construction, government contracting, health care, oil & gas, real estate, and timber.

Luke has years of experience handling both transactional and litigation matters. He has negotiated the sales of businesses and mergers and acquisitions, advised clients in most aspects of real property and contract law, and helped clients develop budget forecasts and strategic plans. He has also assisted businesses as they navigate issues of licensure, structure, and employer liability. Luke has counseled businesses dealing with accountancy malpractice and fraud, so holding an accounting degree from West Virginia University in addition to his law license gives him invaluable insight.

If all this wasn't enough, Luke also frequently counsels financial institutions in commercial lending matters and has represented creditors in bankruptcy proceedings.

Notable Legal Experience

- Manages and directs transactions from start to finish:
 - Commercial and residential real estate transactions
 - Construction projects
 - Land acquisition transactions, including title examinations, title curative, title insurance and financing
- Analyzes, negotiates, and drafts:
 - Contracts for all types of businesses
 - Master service agreements
 - Real estate leases for commercial businesses and individuals
 - Wireless communication facilities agreements
 - Oil and gas leases
 - Commercial building leases
 - Construction contracts
 - Solar leases
 - Timber agreements

- Negotiates with private landlords, public entities, and third-party administrators regarding:
 - Wireless communication agreements
 - Real estate leases
 - Site license agreements
- Advises on sales under the Uniform Commercial Code, including battle of the forms
- Advises on secured transactions under the Uniform Commercial Code
- Handles all aspect of litigation, from discovery to trial, on issues such as contracts and real property, including minerals, timber, and coal
- Advises health care companies regarding contracts and Medicare determinations and challenges
- Performs assessment of property for viability of lease or purchase
- Represents owners and tenants of commercial and residential properties in landlord-tenant disputes
- Represents clients in Zoning and Planning matters

Work History

- Jackson Kelly PLLC (2015-Present)
- Greer Law Offices (2005-2015)

Practices

- Business Law
- Real Estate
- Construction Law
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Banking & Finance
- Government Contracts

Industries

- Banking
- Construction

Education

- West Virginia University College of Law (J.D., 2005)
- West Virginia University (B.S.B.A. in Accounting, 2002)

Admissions

- West Virginia (2005)
- West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals (2005)
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of West Virginia (2005)
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of West Virginia (2005)