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Lucy Zelina works across a variety of service areas to deliver attentive client support in litigation matters.

Lucy assists Tucker Ellis teams throughout the litigation process to support client goals and obtain favorable results. Her experience includes reviewing discovery, interviewing clients, preparing affidavits, and drafting motions. Bringing a meticulous attention to detail to each matter, she adeptly finds idiosyncrasies between the parties' narratives and the evidence to preemptively address critical questions about a case.

During law school, Lucy worked as a Tucker Ellis summer associate where she gained experience in trial preparation, including analyzing discovery, researching relevant precedent, and preparing trial briefs and witness and exhibit lists. She also gained critical insight through her experiences serving as a legal extern for Medical Mutual of Ohio and in the Cuyahoga County Probate Court. Valedictorian of her graduating class, an Academic Excellence Program Fellow, and a Dean's Leadership Fellow, Lucy's commitment to excellence in her academics equally applies to her practice.

A northeast Ohio native, Lucy lives in Shaker Heights with her husband. She enjoys sailing on Lake Erie, trying new restaurants around the city, and spending time with her family when not at work.

Education

- Cleveland State University College of Law (J.D., 2022); Valedictorian; Academic Excellence Program Fellow; Dean's Leadership Fellow; Cleveland State Law Review, Chief Publications Editor; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in nine areas of law, including Legislation and the Regulatory State, Property, Constitutional Law, and Employment Law
- Dickinson College (B.A. in American Studies, magna cum laude, 2017)

State Admissions

- Ohio, 2022

Federal Admissions

- United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio
- United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Service Areas

- Health & Life Sciences
- Life Sciences Litigation

Publications & Events

PUBLICATIONS

- “Law School’s Missed Lessons: Supporting a Trial Team,” *Law360* (June 2025)
- “NFL Players’ Association Pushes for Natural Grass after Aaron Rodgers Artificial Turf Injury: Is Litigation Around the Corner?“, Tucker Ellis Client Alert (September 2023)
- “Turf Wars: The Courtroom Battle Over Artificial Turf Safety May Be Closer Than We Think,” *Reuters Legal* and *Westlaw Today* (July 2023)
- “Adopting a Trauma-Informed Approach to Taking, Understanding, and Using Witness Testimony,” *OACTA Quarterly* (Winter 2023)
- “Equal Access to Donate: Plasma Donation Centers and the ADA,” 70 *Clev. St. L Rev.* 631 (2022)

Honors

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America (2026)

In the Community

- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- Case Western Reserve University, Kappa Alpha Theta, Eta Pi Chapter, Operations & Risk Management Advisor
- Anti-Defamation League, Glass Leadership Institute (2018)