



## Amdie Mengistu

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With an appreciation for the diversity of people and a passion for helping others take control of their careers, Amdie Mengistu carefully listens to his clients and candidates in order to make strategic, successful placements. Amdie joined Lucas Group in 2015 as a Managing Partner in the Legal Division. Focusing on New York and the Tri-State area, Amdie works with a wide range of clients from Big Law to small legal firms to Fortune 500 corporations, to find the legal talent they need. By piecing together top legal professionals with legal positions in the area, he helps to build long-term partnerships that benefit both parties.

Amdie was in the last entering class at the old Dewey Ballantine which gave him a front row seat for the highs and lows of Big Law. From there he litigated at a boutique firm and spent a year as the Public Defender on Staten Island. Seeking career counsel and finding it lacking, Amdie grew into legal recruiting in 2012 and rose to Managing Director with Empire Search Partners. He has learned more about crafting careers and selecting the right talent in his time as a recruiter than from all the academia and practice of law. His diverse experience forged a solid foundation for executive recruiting that empowers him to connect both with top talent and to cater to corporate and law firm hiring needs.

Amdie earned his B.A. in English Literature from the University of Virginia and his J.D., cum laude, from Hofstra University School of Law, where he was a Dwight L. Greene Scholar and a New York City Bar Diversity Fellow. Aside from helping his clients and candidates connect, Amdie plays piano, bass and basketball with his two little boys in brownstone Brooklyn.