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Mr. Keller is a partner in the Vorys Columbus office and a member of the commercial, real estate, energy, environment and utilities practice. He provides general business representation, primarily to persons engaged in natural resources industries. He has significant experience in operational issues, real estate, litigation and arbitration, acquisitions, zoning, banking, and business planning.

Career highlights include:

- Acting as lead trial counsel in gas contract arbitration against a Fortune 100 company resulting in an award of more than \$100 million
- Defending and negotiating favorable settlements in two Ohio gas royalty class action cases
- Counseling lenders and borrowers in hundreds of millions of dollars in loans secured by Appalachian Basin petroleum reserves

Mr. Keller is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association, the Columbus Bar Association, the Energy and Mineral Law Foundation, the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation and the Mountain States Legal Foundation.

Mr. Keller is a frequent speaker on topics related to oil and gas leases and curative procedures, local regulation of mineral production, the governmental taking of mineral rights, creditor's rights in mineral industries and seismic operations.

Mr. Keller received his J.D. from Duke University School of Law and his A.B. from Indiana University.

Publications

Crude Awakening

"Legal Aspects of Geophysical Exploration," Eastern Mineral Law Institute, 1992 (Vol. 13)

Practice Areas

Commercial, Finance, and Real Estate

Corporate and Business Organizations

Energy and Utilities

Litigation

Industries

Energy and Utilities

Oil and Gas

Education

Duke University School of Law,
J.D., 1975

Indiana University, A.B., 1972

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"Representing Unsecured Creditors in Oil and Gas Collection Matters,"
Ohio Legal Center Institute Publication, 1984 (No. 144)

"Drafting the Modern Oil and Gas Lease," Eastern Mineral Law
Institute, 1981 (Vol. 2)

"Basic Revision in the Ohio Oil & Gas Law," Ohio Bar, December 1,
1980 (Vol. LII, No. 46)

Professional and Community Activities

Energy and Mineral Law Foundation, Executive Committee, 1998-2001; Oil &
Gas Committee, Chair; Annual Institute, Chair

Ohio State Bar Association, Natural Resource Committee, Chair

Honors and Awards

Columbus CEO, Top Lawyers in Columbus, 2010-2012

Ohio Super Lawyers, Energy and Natural Resources, 2012

Ohio Super Lawyers, Alternative Dispute Resolution, 2004 & 2009-2011

The Best Lawyers in America, Oil and Gas Law, 2008-2012

Events

Ohio Oil and Gas Law Symposium

Development of the Utica Shale in Ohio: Regulation, Preservation of Rights
and Competing Interests

2011 Real Estate Law Institute

Oil and Gas in Ohio Current Developments

Bar and Court Admissions

Ohio