



## Practice Areas

Energy and Utilities  
Litigation

## Industries

Energy and Utilities  
Oil and Gas  
Trade Associations

## Education

University of California at Los Angeles School of Law, J.D., 1973  
*University of California at Los Angeles Law Review*, 1971–1973  
Loma Linda University, B.A., 1967, with Honors

## W. Jonathan Airey

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Mr. Airey is a partner in the Vorys Columbus office and a member of the energy and environmental group. His oil and gas practice is broad in scope. He has represented numerous clients in state and federal regulatory proceedings and in connection with gas market agreements and disputes.

### Career highlights include:

- Defending several oil and gas producers in gas royalty litigation
- Representing oil and gas producers in obtaining full compensation for rejection of gas purchase contracts by interstate pipeline companies
- Representing gas users in obtaining favorable supply and delivery terms for natural gas

Mr. Airey is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association, the California Bar Association, the Ohio Oil and Gas Association, the Independent Petroleum Association of America, the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, and the Energy and Mineral Law Foundation.

Mr. Airey annually presents a natural gas market report to the Ohio Chamber of Commerce Energy Conference and has led discussions of gas royalty issues for the Independent Petroleum Association of America Law Committee.

Mr. Airey received his J.D. from the University of California at Los Angeles School of Law where he was a member of the *University of California at Los Angeles Law Review*. He received his B.A. with honors from Loma Linda University.

### Publications

“Transportation of Direct Sale Natural Gas,” 5th Annual Proceeding of Eastern Mineral Law Foundation, 1985

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“Crude Oil Price Regulation,” Proceedings of Eastern Mineral Law Foundation, 1980

“Price Controls for Natural Gas and Crude Oil,” Ohio Legal Center Institute, 1980

“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, Trustee, 1980-present

Ohio Oil and Gas Association, Trustee, Executive Committee Member, 1994-present; Legal Committee Chair, 1982-present

Independent Petroleum Association of America, Trustee and Law Committee Chair, 1999-present

IPPA Pipeline Safety Task Force, Chairman, 2002-present

Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, Trustee

### Honors and Awards

*Columbus CEO*, Top Lawyers in Columbus, 2010

Ohio Oil and Gas Association, Oilfield Patriot Award, 2008

Ohio Oil and Gas Association Hall of Fame, Inductee, 2006

*Ohio Super Lawyers*, Energy and Natural Resources, 2004

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

### Events

26th Annual Ohio Environment, Energy and Resources Law Seminar

Development Issues in the Major Shale Plays

Ohio Energy Management Conference

Ohio Shale Production: What You Need to Know

### Bar and Court Admissions

Ohio



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Legal Counsel

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California (inactive)