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VORYS' OIL & GAS PRACTICE FEATURED IN *CRAIN'S CLEVELAND BUSINESS* STORY ENTITLED "ADDING TO THE PRACTICE PIPELINE"

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W. Jonathan Airey, a partner in the firm's Columbus office, was quoted in a *Crain's Cleveland Business* story about oil & gas legal practices in Ohio. According to the story, the shale industry is projected to bring billions of dollars of investment to the state over the next few years. The story, which was entitled "Adding to the practice pipeline" and was included in the October 1, 2012 edition of the paper, states:

"Jonathan Airey, a partner and head of Vorys' oil- and gas-focused energy practice, said his firm has more than 20 attorneys active in the energy practice. The firm has had a vigorous oil and gas practice for more than 30 years.

The firm represents a number of oil and gas operators that are active in the Utica shale and have been heavily engaged in litigation, much of it focused on landowners seeking to break their leases so they can get a bonus payment from some other operator. In addition, Vorys attorneys have been active in statewide regulatory and legislative developments relating to shale, including Senate Bill 315, oil and gas regulatory legislation that became Ohio law in June.

'We have found a lot of activity and a lot of legal work in a variety of areas that have kept a number of our people very busy,' Mr. Airey said, adding that Vorys filed for and received the first unitization order, a means of combining acreage to develop underlying resources while meeting minimum spacing and acreage requirements.'

To read the entire article, visit the *Crain's Cleveland Business* website. (Subscription required).