



## Energy, Utilities, Oil and Gas

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Vorys has a long history in energy development and its regulation in Ohio and the broader Appalachian Basin. We have counseled—and continue to counsel—clients in all types of energy related matters, including conventional and unconventional oil and gas development, renewable energy generation, traditional electric generation, biomass generation and public utility proceedings. That experience, coupled with our ability to call on firm attorneys across the spectrum of law, enables us to advise clients on all types of regulatory and transactional work related to the energy space, from simple leasing and well-field service contracts to sophisticated financing and purchase sale agreements and the permitting of electric generation facilities.

We are also well versed when it comes to helping our energy clients navigate the dispute resolution processes involved when disagreements arise or litigation is necessary to protect our clients' interests. Our energy attorneys routinely appear before state and federal courts, administrative agencies and arbitration panels on significant oil and gas matters (including class action royalty litigation and lease disputes) and electric and renewable energy matters (including utility rate litigation and utility-scale solar and wind farm permit hearings).

### Recognitions

We are proud to have been recognized for our efforts in external publications, including as a **“Leading Law Firm”** in Ohio for Natural Resources & Environment in the 2022 edition of *Chambers USA*, as well as receiving top honors as a **Tier 1 firm** in Central Ohio for **“Energy Law,” “Natural Resources Law” and “Oil and Gas Law”** in the **2023 U.S. News – Best Lawyers® “Best Law Firms”** report.

### Organizational Involvement

Vorys attorneys have long been leaders in professional organizations in the energy field. Our firm is a charter member of the Energy & Mineral Law Foundation (EMLF) and a long-standing member of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation. Our lawyers have held executive positions with the leading trade organizations in the oil and gas industry both nationally and in the Appalachian Basin, including the

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Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA), the Ohio Oil and Gas Association and the EMLF.

For years, Vorys attorneys have actively participated in the Ohio State Bar Association Natural Resource Committee, including serving as chair on five different occasions. In Pennsylvania, our attorneys have been active in the Marcellus Shale Coalition, Pennsylvania Independent Oil and Gas Association, Michael Late Benedum Chapter of the American Association of Professional Landmen (AAPL) and the Northern Appalachian Landman's Association Chapter of the AAPL.

## Experience

### Utilities

Our firm has broad experience in all areas of public utility law and regulation, including electricity, natural gas, steam, telephone, cable, water, sewer and transportation. Our clients include small public utilities, competitive retail electric and natural gas providers, commercial and industrial consumers, telephone companies and cable television providers.

Our attorneys have also been active with respect to public utility-related issues in the Ohio General Assembly and at the local government level throughout Ohio. We have represented our clients' interests before regulatory agencies such as the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Communications Commission, and we have defended and prosecuted their interests in lawsuits in federal and state courts.

### Competitive Marketing

Our lawyers have considerable experience in advising clients on competitive electric and natural gas marketing issues in Ohio. For example, we regularly represent gas marketers in matters before the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and counsel large industrial and commercial clients on the challenges and opportunities presented by the natural gas market. This includes advising clients on negotiating North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) agreements for the physical purchase of natural gas and International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA) agreements for the financial hedging of natural gas. We also actively monitor natural gas proceedings before administrative agencies in Ohio, including the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

We regularly counsel clients on matters pertaining to the electric energy market as well. Our attorneys assist clients such as competitive retail electric service suppliers, large industrial and commercial customers and developers in negotiating power supply and electric service agreements and master power purchase and sale agreements. In addition, we are frequently asked to represent clients in connection with legislative and rulemaking proceedings and to assist them in undertaking industrial and commercial development projects, including transactions with local utilities to obtain long-term sources of supply. We also have extensive experience representing energy companies and end users in bankruptcy proceedings.

### Electricity and Natural Gas

Vorys has a team of attorneys, including former Public Utilities Commission of Ohio administrative law judges, who regularly assist clients on electric and natural gas rate and tariff issues. We analyze applications and proposed tariffs and participate in rate cases and rulemaking proceedings. Our lawyers also advise competitive retail and wholesale suppliers on applicable rules, tariffs and bidding procedures.

We also assist generators (both renewable and conventional fuel designs) with acquiring siting permits, rights of way and environmental permits to construct and operate. Our engagements in this area include generation based on utility-scale solar, wind, landfill gas, industrial gas, waste industrial heat and bio-mass, as well as conventionally fueled generation. Our attorneys draw upon a wealth of practical experience in addressing these matters, which allows them to effectively support our clients' business objectives and project schedules. That same practical experience is used to help midstream natural gas companies and pipeline operators address regulatory issues including pipeline safety matters. We also have significant experience in the development of large natural gas pipeline systems, including assisting in obtaining right-of-ways, negotiating gas transportation agreements and permitting of pipelines.

Our attorneys are also proficient at helping generators and those who market power (load serving entities) to obtain market-based rate authority. We are also experienced in the multi-stage review process needed for the interconnection of new generation to the Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) grid, as well as experience with issues concerning use of RTO markets, conservation programs including demand response, and firm transmission rights.

### Oil and Gas

Vorys represents a full spectrum of clients in the oil and gas industry, and has done so for decades – from leading conventional and unconventional producers, to pipeline companies, drilling and service providers, injection well operators and financial institutions. Our energy attorneys have advised clients on all types of transactional work in the oil field, from simple leasing and joint operating agreements to complex financing and asset acquisition agreements. Among other matters, Vorys has helped clients to undertake geophysical surveys, develop master drilling programs, acquire and sell oil and gas and pipeline assets, negotiate gas purchase and sales contracts, prepare securities offerings and to develop one of the largest independent gathering systems in the Appalachian Basin.

Energy production in the Appalachian Basin, like elsewhere, presents a myriad of challenges, and Vorys attorneys have been on the forefront of addressing many of them. We represented, for example, the first applicant for a unit order under Ohio's statutory unitization process needed to drill a horizontal well in the Utica Shale when there were unleased interests in the proposed unit. We have also been involved in

virtually every major change in Ohio law advancing the energy industry's interests in the modern era, including major revisions to Ohio's statutory and regulatory oil and gas law.

And when those challenges have involved legal disputes, Vorys attorneys have stood as both a sword and a shield. Among other things, we have successfully defended our clients against natural gas royalty class action claims, represented major creditor groups in the Enron and Columbia Transmission bankruptcies, challenged obstacles to energy development caused by local regulation, and defended against lease termination and subsurface trespass actions. As a consequence, our energy attorneys frequently appear before state and federal courts and arbitration panels, as well as state regulatory agencies and public utilities commissions.

### Utica/Marcellus Shales

Given the firm's rich history in the oil and gas space, and with offices in Columbus, Cleveland and Akron, Ohio, as well as Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Vorys energy attorneys are located in the heart of the Utica and Marcellus shales, and well positioned to assist clients in their development.

### News

[News, 6.1.2023](#)

Thirty-Three Vorys Attorneys Ranked in 2023 *Chambers USA* Guide

[News, 1.3.2023](#)

Vorys Elevates 15 to Partner

[News, 1.3.2023](#)

More Than 35 Vorys Attorneys Included on Ohio Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List

[News, 11.3.2022](#)

Vorys Receives 69 Tier One Rankings on 2023 *U.S. News – Best Lawyers* "Best Law Firms" List

[News, 10.6.2022](#)

Gartland Awarded the Robert L. Hausser Memorial Award by Ohio State Bar Association's Real Property Section

[News, 8.18.2022](#)

115 Vorys Attorneys Named to the 29th Edition of The Best Lawyers in America® List; 33 Vorys Attorneys Named to Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America List

[News, 7.11.2022](#)

Osterlund Selected to Serve as President of the Cincinnati Bar Foundation

[6.29.2022](#)

59 Vorys Attorneys Included in 2022 *Columbus CEO's Best Lawyers*

[News, 1.12.2022](#)

Special Episode of the Vorys IP Podcast Focuses on Key IP Cases from 2021 & What to Look Out for in 2022

[News, 11.4.2021](#)

Vorys Receives 81 Tier One Rankings on 2022 U.S. News – Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms" List

[News, 11.5.2020](#)

Vorys Receives 68 Tier One Rankings on 2021 U.S. News – Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms" List

[News, 8.20.2020](#)

Nine Vorys Attorneys Selected by Their Peers as "Lawyers of the Year"

[News, 12.5.2018](#)

Vorys Client Wins Summary Judgment in an Air Permit Appeal before Ohio Environmental Review Appeals Commission

[News, 2.6.2017](#)

Vorys Advisors Hosts Successful Inaugural Energy Summit

[News, 2.1.2017](#)

Inaugural Energy Summit Highlighted in Recent News Stories

[News, 10.5.2016](#)

Venum Quoted in *BNA Daily Environment Report* Story Titled "Pennsylvania Court Again Curbs Fracking Law"

[News, 4.25.2016](#)

McGranor Quoted in *American Oil & Gas Reporter* Story Titled "Shale Plays Rewriting Ohio Law Books"

[News, 11.5.2015](#)

Giuliani Quoted in *Environmental Law360* Story Titled "Rulings Put Target On Plants Despite Clean Air Compliance"

[News, 7.1.2015](#)

Gartland Appointed to EMLF Executive Committee

[News, 2.18.2015](#)

Keller Quoted in *Energy Law360* Story Titled "Ohio Supreme Court Squashes Fracking"

[News, 1.5.2015](#)

Airey Quoted in *Law360* Story Titled "Energy Legislation And Regulation To Watch In 2015"

[News, 12.18.2014](#)

*Texas Lawyer* Story Titled "Nine Lawyers to Move From Schwartz Junell to Vorys" Highlights Vorys Continued Growth in Houston

News, 12.16.2014

Vorys Continues Growth in Houston; Welcomes Nine Litigators

News, 11.27.2014

Airey, Gormly, Keller and Russell Included on American City Business Journals' 2014-2015 "Who's Who in Energy" List

News, 11.21.2014

Keller Quoted in *Columbus Dispatch* Story Titled "Fracking Industry Suing over Drilling Bans"

News, 6.20.2014

Airey Included on *Columbus Business First's* "20 People to Know in Energy" List

News, 11.22.2013

Airey, Keller and Russell Included in American City Business Journals' "Who's Who in Energy" List

News, 11.18.2013

Petricoff Named Co-Director of Capital University Law School's Midwest Center for Energy Law and Policy

News, 11.6.2013

Vorys Named Go-To Law Firm for 11th Consecutive Year by Fortune 500 Clients

News, 10.14.2013

Keller Quoted in *Columbus Business First* Story Titled "Ohio Supreme Court to Decide Who Regulates Drilling –State or Local Communities"

News, 10.7.2013

Vorys Opens Pittsburgh Office

News, 8.14.2013

Ten Vorys Attorneys Named 2014 Lawyers of the Year by Best Lawyers

News, 6.21.2013

Watt Included in *Columbus Business First's* "20 People to Know in Energy" List

News, 5.24.2013

Thirty-nine Vorys Attorneys included in 2013 *Chambers USA* Guide

News, 1.8.2013

Vorys Named Go-To Law Firm for Tenth Straight Year by Fortune 500 Clients

News, 11.1.2012

Vorys Receives 63 Tier One Rankings on 2013 *U.S. News - Best Lawyers* "Best Law Firms" List

News, 8.23.2012

126 Vorys Attorneys included in the 2013 *The Best Lawyers in America*® List

News, 6.11.2012

Airey quoted in *Zanesville Times Recorder* Story on Utica Shale Pipelines

News, 4.6.2012

Kahn and Airey featured in *Business First* Story on Columbus Attorneys With National Reputations

News, 3.19.2012

Watt Quoted on Vorys' Oil and Gas Practice in Cleveland *Plain Dealer*

News, 3.12.2012

Vorys Launches Utica and Marcellus Shale Twitter Feed

News, 3.7.2012

Vorys Successful in Ohio Supreme Court Case Regarding Large-Scale Wind Farm

News, 12.16.2011

75 Vorys Attorneys Recognized as 2012 Ohio Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

News, 12.9.2011

Airey Featured in *Columbus Business First* Article Regarding Ohio Shale Drilling

News, 11.1.2011

Vorys Ranked a "Best Law Firm" in 26 National and 47 Metropolitan Categories in *U.S. News - Best Lawyers* List

News, 9.6.2011

More than 100 Vorys Attorneys named on 2012 The Best Lawyers in America® List

News, 6.10.2011

26 Vorys Attorneys Featured in 2011 Edition of *Chambers USA*

News, 5.13.2011

Vorys Partners Named Fellows of the Ohio State Bar Foundation

News, 2.8.2011

Russell a Member of Independent Review Team Examining the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mineral Resources Management Program Regulating Hydraulic Fracturing of Oil & Gas Wells

News, 6.24.2010

27 Attorneys Recognized in 2010 *Chambers USA*

News, 4.6.2010

27 Vorys Attorneys Recognized in 2010 *Chambers USA*

News, 4.5.2010

Vorys Attorney Plays Key Role in Buckeye Wind Project Approval

News, 11.3.2008

Teague and Kappel featured in *Legal Bisnow* article "Lobbying Report"

News, 9.1.2008

Watt Recognized with Barbie Tootle Buckeye Spirit Award

## Publications

Client alert, 4.17.2023

USEPA Seeks Input on Designating More PFAS as CERCLA Hazardous Substances

Authored article, 2.10.2023

ORRI "Anti-Washout" Provision Not Binding on Lease Assignees

Client alert, 1.13.2023

FTC Proposes Rule to Ban Non-Compete Agreements

Client alert, 12.23.2021

Federal Vaccine Mandates End-of-Year Roundup

Client alert, 1.26.2021

Ohio EPA Division of Air Pollution Control hosts Program Advisory Group Meeting

Client alert, 12.2.2020

*Oil and Gas Alert:* Supreme Court of Ohio Rules on Applicability of Ohio Marketable Title Act to Severed Mineral Interests

Client alert, 3.30.2020

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Signs COVID-19 Related Legislation

Client alert, 3.23.2020

Overview of Ohio Department of Health "Director's Stay at Home Order"

Client alert, 3.22.2020

Ohio Department of Health Director Issues "Stay at Home Order"

Client alert, 3.21.2020

DHS Issues Advisory "Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response"

Client alert, 3.18.2020

Government Action as a Force Majeure Defense in Construction Contracts

Client alert, 10.1.2019

*Oil and Gas Alert:* U.S. EPA Proposes Amendments to NSPS Rules for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry



**Client alert, 11.20.2018**

*Client Alert:* Ohio Law Cements a Link for Blockchain Technology

**Client alert, 5.10.2018**

*Oil and Gas Alert:* U.S. EPA Releases Draft New Owner Clean Air Act Audit Program for Oil and Natural Gas Exploration and Production Facilities

**Client alert, 3.23.2018**

*Client Alert:* New PUCO Online System for Annual Reporting

**Client alert, 1.4.2018**

*Oil and Gas Alert:* Supreme Court of Ohio Rejects Implied Covenant to Explore Further in Oil and Gas Leases

**Authored article, OOGA Bulletin, 12.1.2017**

IRS Announces that Marginal Well Production Credits are Available for 2016 Natural Gas Production

**Authored article, OOGA Bulletin, 11.9.2017**

Legal Issues Facing Ohio Producers

**Authored article, The Law of Oil and Gas in Pennsylvania – Second Edition, 10.12.2016**

The Law of Oil and Gas in Pennsylvania – Second Edition

**Client alert, 9.26.2016**

*Oil and Gas Alert:* How to Successfully Comply with the Abandonment Procedure under the 2006 Ohio Dormant Mineral Act in the Wake of Corban v. Chesapeake Exploration, L.L.C., et al.

**Client alert, 9.15.2016**

*Oil and Gas Alert:* Supreme Court of Ohio Issues Sweeping Decision Interpreting the Ohio Dormant Mineral Act - Holds That 1989 DMA is Not Self-Executing

**Client alert, 8.8.2016**

*Client Alert:* USEPA Can Seek Restitution for CERCLA Clean-Up Based on EPA Accounting Table and EPA Employee Testimony Without Further Evidence

**Client alert, 3.23.2016**

*Oil and Gas Alert:* Bankruptcy Court Issues Opinion Allowing the Rejection of Certain Midstream Agreements

**Client alert, 3.22.2016**

*Oil and Gas Alert:* Ohio Court Of Appeals Issues Decision on Effect of Pugh Clause, Expansion of Drilling Units, Equitable Tolling

**Client alert, 3.4.2016**

*Oil and Gas Alert:* Local Initiative Power is Limited by the Home Rule Amendment: City of Broadview Heights Community Bill of Rights is Invalid

Client alert, 2.17.2016

*Oil and Gas Alert:* Anti-Frackers Disappointed in Water Contamination Study

Client alert, 11.6.2015

*Oil and Gas Alert:* Supreme Court of Ohio Decides That Oil and Gas Leases Are Title Transactions Under the Ohio Dormant Mineral Act

Client alert, 11.2.2015

*Oil and Gas Alert:* Ohio Court of Appeals Issues Decision on Scope of Granting Clause, Effect of Well Permit Application on Lease Terms and Lessee's Fiduciary Duties

Authored article, *Appellate Law360*, 10.26.2015

Can Localities Use Ballot Power To Ban Oil And Gas Drilling?

Authored article, *Oil and Gas Journal*, 6.5.2015

Ohio Weighs Post-Production Costs, Royalty Calculations

Client alert, 4.3.2015

*Oil and Gas Alert:* U.S. District Court Certifies Question to Supreme Court of Ohio Relating to Deduction of Post-Production Costs

Authored article, *Oil & Gas Monitor*, 12.17.2014

It's All About that Basin, Bout Dat Basin...No Trouble (Well Maybe a Little)

Authored article, 12.2014

Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Update December 2014

Authored article, 9.2014

Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Update September 2014

Authored article, 6.2014

Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Update June 2014

Client alert, 5.28.2014

*Ohio Statehouse Update:* High Profile Ohio Bills Scheduled for Action before Summer Break

Client alert, 5.15.2014

*State and Local Tax Alert:* Substitute Oil and Gas Severance Tax Bill Passed by Ohio House

Client alert, 5.12.2014

*Oil and Gas Alert:* New Due Dates for Ohio Unitizations

Client alert, 3.25.2014

*Ohio Statehouse Update:* House Considers State Capital Appropriations, Mid-Biennium Review Bills

Authored article, 3.2014

Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Update March 2014

**Client alert, 1.8.2014**

*Oil and Gas Alert:* U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio Certifies DMA Questions to the Supreme Court of Ohio

**Client alert, 8.2013**

August Vorys Shale Report

**Client alert, 2.1.2013**

*Client Alert:* Ohio EPA Proposes Rule Revisions to Its Stage II Vapor Control Requirements for Gasoline Dispensing Facilities

**Client alert, 6.7.2012**

*Oil and Gas Alert:* Ohio Gas Gathering Legislation Detailed

**Client alert, 2.2.2012**

*Oil and Gas Alert:* Ohio EPA Issues a Final General Permit for Oil and Gas Well Sites

**Authored article, *American Oil & Gas Reporter*, November 2010**

Pipeline Safety Reg Bows To API RP-80

**Client alert, 10.2007**

*Energy and Utility Update*

**U.S. EPA Proposes New SPCC Regulations**

**Client alert, *Energy and Utility Update*, 5.2007**

*Energy and Utility Update*

## Speaking Engagements

**Event, 7.26.2023**

Grow in Ohio: Energy Considerations for Facility Selection and Development

**Event, 5.9.2023**

2023 Ohio Brownfields Conference Panel

**Event, 4.20.2023**

Toxic Torts & Environmental Law 31st Annual Spring Conference

**Event, 3.16.2023**

IPOwners Spring Summit Panel

**Event, 3.8.2023**

The Ohio Oil and Gas Association Annual Meeting

**Event, 3.7.2023**

Capital University Law School EMLF Careers In Law Panel

7.20.2022

31st Annual Environmental Permitting in Ohio Conference

6.12.2022

43rd Annual Energy Mineral Law Institute

4.4.2022

2022 EnviroSummit

10.29.2020

How to Be the Only in the Room for Women's International Network of Utility Professionals

9.10.2020

Vapor Intrusion: Impacts of Recent Policy Changes for Redevelopment

6.9.2019

Energy & Mineral Law Foundation Annual Institute

11.30.2018

CLE Conference

11.15.2018

Ohio Cable Telecommunications Association's 2018 Annual Meeting

10.17.2018

Kentucky Mineral Law Conference

9.5.2018

9th Law of Shale Plays Conference

4.10.2018

Energy & Mineral Law Foundation's Special Institute on Petrochemicals

11.8.2017

2017 Ohio Cable Telecommunications Association (OCTA) Annual Meeting

9.11.2017

Ohio Chemistry Technology Council Member Retreat & Golf Outing

Fireside Chat

8.31.2016

29th Annual Energy Law Institute for Attorneys and Landmen

Houston College of Law Harry L. Reed Oil & Gas Institute

6.17.2016

AAPL's 62nd Annual Meeting

3.8.2016

What is Happening in the Oil and Gas Markets? Business and Legal Perspectives

Hosted by Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP and Stout Risius and Ross

11.20.2015

Ohio State Bar Association Oil and Gas Update 2015

Hosted by the Ohio State Bar Association Natural Resources Law Committee

8.19.2015

AAPL Power-Gen Natural Gas 2015 Conference

7.13.2015

Ad Valorem Tax 101 Educational Conference

Hosted by the Ohio Oil and Gas Association

6.5.2015

Titles to Real Estate in Ohio

Hosted by the Ohio State Bar Association

5.14.2015

Shale Drilling Disputes and Litigation Seminar

Hosted by HalfMoon Education

5.14.2015

2015 Ohio Oil & Gas Law Seminar

Hosted by the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association and Purple Land Management

4.20.2015

Understanding Appalachian Basin Midstream Assets Special Institute

Presented by the Energy and Mineral Law Foundation

5.2.2014

Development Issues in Major Shale Plays – What's on the Horizon

5.1.2014

Title Issues and Recent Cases Relating to Oil and Gas Developments in Ohio

Ohio State Bar Association Annual Convention 2014

4.9.2014

Ohio Energy: Emerging Issues in Law, Finance and Regulation Seminar

12.16.2013

Negotiating Oil and Gas Agreements Seminar

Hosted by the National Business Institute

11.21.2013

Northern Appalachian Landman's Association Seminar

11.18.2013

Powering the Midwest's Energy Future Seminar

4.15.2013

Title and Development Issues in the Utica Shale – Ohio Seminar

Hosted by the Energy & Mineral Law Foundation

3.19.2013

Oil and Gas Rights in Ohio

Presented by Lorman Education Services

12.19.2012

20th Annual Bradley J. Schaeffer Real Property Institute

Presented by the Ohio State Bar Association

10.30.2012

Legal and Environmental Issues in Natural Gas Production

Presented by HalfMoon LLC

10.24.2012

Shale State Regulatory and Legislative Update

Presented by the Energy & Mineral Law Foundation

9.13.2012

Utica Shale: Issues in Law, Practice and Policy

Presented by the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association

8.27.2012

Oil and Gas Leases and the Dormant Minerals Act

Presented by the Ohio State Bar Association

5.25.2012

Ohio Oil and Gas Law Symposium

Sponsored by the Ohio State University Agricultural & Resource Law Program

5.23.2012

Ohio Brownfield Conference

Presented by the Ohio EPA

3.6.2012

Shale 2012: Serving Bank Customers in the Ohio Shale Zone

Presented by the Ohio Bankers League

12.2.2011

Environmental and Public Health Concerns of Shale Energy Panel Discussion

Presented by the The Ohio State University's Subsurface Energy Resource Center

11.10.2011

2011 Real Estate Law Institute

Presented by the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association

9.29.2011

Oil and Gas in Ohio Current Developments

Presented by the Ohio State Bar Association

7.14.2011

Ohio Shale Production: What You Need to Know

Presented by Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP and Hull & Associates, Inc.

6.16.2011

Ohio Oil and Gas Law Symposium

Sponsored by the Ohio State University Agricultural & Resource Law Program

4.7.2011

OSBA's 26th Annual Ohio Environment, Energy and Resources Law Seminar

Presented by the Ohio State Bar Association

12.6.2010

Development Issues in the Major Shale Plays

Presented by the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, Energy & Mineral Law Foundation, and the American Association of Professional Landmen

2.23.2010

Ohio Energy Management Conference

Presented by the Manufacturers' Education Council

2.5.2010

Preparing for the 2010 Proxy and Annual Report Season

Presented by Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP

## Renewable and Alternative Energy

We are privileged to work for clients at the forefront of the renewable energy industry. Our team has extensive experience assisting with the development of utility scale solar projects, wind farms, waste energy (including scrap tires and bio-mass), ethanol plants, fuel cells, landfill and industrial gas, industrial co-generation and coke oven gas.

We frequently provide counsel on regulatory and business matters involving power siting and local zoning issues, environmental permitting, power grid interconnections transmission and distribution, as well as commercial contracting issues and renewable energy credits. Our team assists developers from the initial phases of a project through project financing, construction and commercial operation.

Our highly skilled team consists of attorneys from various backgrounds and practice groups. Their collective experience includes but is not limited to:

- Energy and environmental matters
- Multiple appearances before the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB)
- Site procurement and leasing
- Siting and local zoning issues
- Tax and economic development incentives
- Environmental permitting
- Asset and membership interest sale agreements
- Project financing and construction