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Blake Jones focuses his practice in the areas of energy and mineral title law. He has extensive experience in the review of leases, title opinions, curative documents, joint operating agreements, and other documents to determine mineral title ownership. He is a former senior division order analyst for a major energy company.

### REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Managed due diligence project for client in the acquisition of over 24,000 acres in the Permian Basin

Determined mineral ownership and calculated working interests, net revenue interests, and overriding royalty interests for wells in the Eagle Ford and Bakken shale plays

Drafted original drilling title opinions, supplemental title opinions, and division order title opinions for numerous exploration and production companies developing the Utica shale in Ohio

Reviewed and negotiated oil and gas leases on behalf of Ohio mineral owners

Represented corporations and small businesses in selection and formation of business entities, trademark matters, drafting articles of incorporation, and negotiation of commercial leases and franchise agreements

Drafted documents for clients in order to comply with the Ohio Dormant Mineral Act

### WORK EXPERIENCE

2015 Steptoe & Johnson PLLC  
2013-2014 Senior Division Order Analyst, IBM  
2012-2013 The Kilburn Law Firm, PLLC  
2010-2012 Maguire & Schneider, LLP

### RECENT PUBLICATIONS / SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Presenter/Instructor, Ohio Real Estate Continuing Education Course, "Professional Liability," 2011-2012

## MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS

### PROFESSIONAL

Ohio State Bar Association