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LICENSURE PA | WV
EDUCATION J.D. West Virginia University

Braden Christopher focuses his practice in the areas of energy transactions and litigation.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Worked extensively with in-house legal teams and landmen at production and midstream companies to analyze issues and draft appropriate documents such as contracts, deeds, leases, ratifications, assignments, easements, affidavits, mortgage subordination agreements, surface use agreements, water sales agreements, road relocation agreements, reclamation agreements, and meter site agreements

Helped midstream company's in-house legal team to manage supply chain issues by addressing contractor disputes, providing risk assessments under existing contracts, and drafting various documents including master service agreements, notice to cure letters, and termination letters

Litigated land and title matters including approximately 40 partition actions and several missing heirs petitions, working interest declaratory judgment matters, summary proceedings, and disputes over property lines

Drafted numerous complaints, motions, briefs, and legal research memoranda associated with land and title litigation matters

Defended midstream company in litigation regarding a compressor station, including working directly with the client on substantive and operational issues

Represented clients in litigation involving various contract disputes, including access to a surface estate, recoupment of royalty overpayments, and validity of a forum selection clause

Assisted with case in federal court, including the drafting of a legal brief in support of a motion seeking injunctive relief, against a local municipality that denied a permit to conduct seismic testing and subsequently passed a restrictive ordinance seeking to regulate such testing

Participated in appellate matter, including the drafting of the appellee's brief, involving oil and gas interests, interpretation of oil and gas severance documents, and application of intestacy law

WORK EXPERIENCE

2013 Steptoe & Johnson PLLC

2012-2013 Rose Padden & Petty L.C.

2010-2011 Summer Law Clerk, Judge Steve P. Leskinen, Court of Common Pleas of Fayette County, PA

MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS

PROFESSIONAL

CALI Award for Sales and Secured Transactions, Spring 2012

Senior Editor of the Year, West Virginia Law Review, Volume 114

Senior Editor, West Virginia Law Review, Volume 114

Associate Editor, West Virginia Law Review, Volume 113

Graduated magna cum laude, University of Colorado

INDUSTRY/CIVIC

Colorado Real Estate License

Private Pilot Certificate