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EDUCATION J.D. Dickinson School of Law

David Hotchkiss focuses his practice on Pennsylvania oil and gas real estate title work and general legal services directed to serving clients in the oil and gas industry. He has practiced in the areas of general litigation, estate planning and probate, general real estate, transactions, and business formation and counseling. Mr. Hotchkiss is the Managing Member of the firm's Meadville office.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Performs senior mineral title review and division order opinions and manages energy title projects
- Advises clients on energy title and leasing issues
- Has advised clients on general business matters
- Represents clients in estate planning and probate
- Expanded the exclusion from real estate taxation for equipment, machinery, and tools of industry in an action before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2010 Steptoe & Johnson PLLC
- 1975-2010 Culbertson, Weiss, Schetroma and Schug, P.C.
- 1969-1975 First Lieutenant, Navigator/Electronic Warfare Officer, USAF/Pennsylvania National Guard, ret.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS / SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Amendments to PA Law Enhance the Ability to Rely on Powers of Attorney
- Amendments to Pennsylvania Law Enhance the Ability to Rely on PA Supreme Court Narrowly Interprets Preemption in Surface Mining Act
- "Recent Developments in Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Law," National Association of Division Order Analysts Annual Meeting, 2014

"Pennsylvania Memoranda of Lease, Affidavits in Support of Title and Other PA Quirks." CONSOL Energy Inc. Super School, 2014

"Pennsylvania Title Issues and Curative," National Association of Division Order Analysts Annual Meeting, 2013

Appalachian Estate Issues Roundtable (OH, PA, WV), National Association of Division Order Analysts Annual Meeting, 2013

"Trust Basics as They Apply to Title to Real Estate," CONSOL Energy Inc. Super School, 2012

"Regulations Run Amok (Private ADA Enforcements Against Municipalities)," Pennsylvania Bar Institute, 2007 Municipal Law Colloquium

"Life Insurance Trusts," National Business Institute seminar and publication on Tax Issues in Estate Planning and Probate in Pennsylvania, 2004

MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS

PROFESSIONAL

Michael Late Benedum Chapter, American Association of Professional Landmen

National Association of Lease and Title Analysts

Pennsylvania Bar Association, Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section

Past President, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, Bar Association

Erie Estate Planning Council

Dickinson Law Review Editorial Board, 1973-1975

INDUSTRY/CIVIC

Director and Past President, Meadville YMCA