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EDUCATION J.D. The Ohio State University

Jason Lucas focuses his practice in the areas of energy transactions and natural resources law. He regularly assists *Fortune 500* energy developers in major U.S. shale plays to meet drilling schedules and trade assets. His experience includes major energy transactions, large-scale due diligence projects, mineral title opinions, defect and curative reports, purchase and sale agreements, and closings.

Mr. Lucas advocates for client interests through leadership positions in various regional and national oil and gas associations. He currently serves as the Second Vice President of the National Association of Division Order Analysts (NADOA).

Mr. Lucas is a sought after speaker, providing educational lectures across the country at industry organizations such as the American Association of Professional Landmen (AAPL), the National Association of Lease Title Analysts (NALTA), and the National Association of Division Order Analysts (NADOA). He is the author of thought leadership materials designed to inform developers of changes in energy law and contributes to the Steptoe & Johnson “Summary of Selected Principals of Oil and Gas Law.”

Mr. Lucas recently served as a member of the Steptoe & Johnson “Rethink Tank,” a committee tasked with envisioning the future of the firm.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Led teams responsible for large due diligence projects, undertook curative work, and prepared transactional documents for multi-million dollar energy transactions

Assisted clients in major energy transactions including review of title opinions, organizing defect and curative reports, drafting letters of intent, purchase and sale agreements, and preparing closing documents for various transactions

Organized educational seminars for a national energy business and trade organization at which more than 500 industry employees were trained

Undertook coal, oil, and gas title examinations and drafted the corresponding title opinions to assist a wide variety of clients in acquiring desired property rights

Performed management and document review associated with major title and asset development projects of energy clients

Led due diligence teams responsible for issuing mineral title opinions for both held by production and newly leased acreage totaling over 100,000 acres in Ohio and Pennsylvania

WORK EXPERIENCE

2010 Steptoe & Johnson PLLC

2005-2010 Phillips, Gardill, Kaiser and Altmeyer, PLLC

RECENT PUBLICATIONS / SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Implied Covenant to Develop in Ohio Negated by Express Language in Lease: Bilbaran Farm, Inc. v. Bakerwell, Inc. et al.

Legislative Changes to Ohio's Dormant Mineral Act and Lease Forfeiture Statute

Ohio Appeals Court Overturns Ruling That Held Certain Oil and Gas Leases Were Void

Ohio Appellate Court Adopts Fixed "Look Back" Period For 1989 Dormant Mineral Act

Ohio Court Favors Surface Owner in Dormant Mineral Act Ruling

Ohio Governor Signs Law Exempting Landmen from Licensing Requirement

Ohio House Bill 390 Signed into Law by Governor Kasich

Ohio Supreme Court Upholds Land Professional Licensing Requirement

Keynote Speaker, 2016 NADOA National Institute, "The History of Oil & Gas"

Roundtable presentations on estate and heirship issues for the Houston Association of Division Order Analysts (HADOA) Houston TX, the National Association of Division Order Analysts, (NADOA) Fort Worth, TX, and the Denver Association of Division Order Analysts (DADOA) Denver, CO

Legislative Update, NADOA National Convention

Ohio Estate Basics, Appalachian Basin Association of Division Order Analysts (ABADOA)

Acquisition & Disposition of Shale Assets in Appalachia

AAPL Field Landman Seminar

Moderator/Presenter, Ohio Issues, ABADOA Education Seminar

MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS

PROFESSIONAL

American Bar Association

The Ohio State Bar Association

National Association of Division Order Analysts, Russell Schetroma Memorial Speaker's Award, 2015

Pittsburgh's Who's Who in Energy, 2015-2016, 2017-2018

Recipient, NADOA Interaction Award, 2012

INDUSTRY/CIVIC

President, National Association of Division Order Analysts (NADOA)

Board Committee Member, Ohio Oil and Gas Association

Institute Committee, NADOA 2012