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**LICENSURE** PA  
**EDUCATION** J.D. Cleveland-Marshall College of Law

Jon Beckman focuses his practice in the area of energy and natural resources law, specifically assisting clients with energy and environmental litigation. Jon draws on his mineral title and regulatory experience to assist clients with disputes over mineral ownership, royalties, and leasehold issues as well as environmental and regulatory matters. Additionally, he assists clients with eminent domain proceedings, construction litigation, midstream litigation, insurance litigation, and arbitration proceedings. Jon is a former Combat Trauma Specialist for the Pennsylvania Army National Guard and served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and is active in the firm's Veterans Inclusion Council.

### REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Litigated oil and gas leasehold and ownership issues for energy clients

Assisted industry clients in quiet title and partition actions that included complex heirship and mineral title issues

Represented midstream clients in federal eminent domain actions and landowner disputes

Provided counsel to energy operators navigating Pennsylvania's oil and gas laws and regulations

Assisted industry clients in acquiring both surface and oil and gas interests

Prepared mineral title opinions, including complex calculations of ownership and leasehold interests, arising from energy exploration and production operations

Assisted energy clients in complex arbitrations under the American Arbitration Association's Commercial Rules

### WORK EXPERIENCE

2013 Steptoe & Johnson PLLC  
2005-2011 Combat Trauma Specialist, Pennsylvania Army National Guard  
2003-2010 High School History Teacher, Corry Area School District

### RECENT PUBLICATIONS / SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

“Expanded Use of Participation Theory Against Oil and Gas Operators,” PIOGA 2019 Spring Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA

“A Dent in the Corporate Shield?: Pennsylvania DEP’s Expanded Use of the Participation Theory of Individual Liability,” Shale Gas Law 2018 Seminar, WVU

“Limits on Limited Liability: A Recent Board Adjudication and Order Imposed Personal Liability for Company’s Failure to Plug Oil and Gas Wells,” The PIOGA Press, January 2018

Oil and Gas Regulatory Update, Shale Energy Law Section Newsletter, Pennsylvania Bar Association, 2017 – present

Co-author, Pennsylvania Quarterly Update, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, 2017 – present

Co-author, Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Update, OneJ Oil and Gas Law Survey, 2016 – present

“Getting Paid in a Tough Economy: Procedures under PA’s Contractor-Subcontractor Payment Act” National Utility Contractors Association, Northwest/Southwest/Northeast Pennsylvania Regional Meetings, 2015

“From Venting Skyward to Moving Forward: a Historical Perspective on Coalbed Methane Regulation,” International Pittsburgh Coal Conference, 2015

Co-Present “Water Management Regulations in the Appalachian Basin” Buckeye STEPS Water Management Conference, 2015

“Subsurface Trespass to the Oil & Gas Estate: Determining Damages in Pennsylvania,” PBI Oil and Gas Law Colloquium, Pittsburgh, PA September 2015

2015 Survey on Oil & Gas Law, Texas A&M Law Review, Pennsylvania

Co-author “A Time of Change: Prepare for Heightened Enforcement,” The PIOGA Press, December 2014

“A State of Mind: Determining Bad Faith in Trespass to Oil & Gas.” 2 Tex. A&M L. Rev. 53 (2014)

“Robinson Township & Act 13,” Northwest Pennsylvania Inns of Court, 2014

“Pennsylvania Oil & Gas Law Update,” Crawford County Bar Association, 2014

“Pennsylvania Mechanics’ Lien Law Update,” National Utility Contractors Association, Northwest Pennsylvania, 2014

## **MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS**

### **PROFESSIONAL**

Pennsylvania Bar Association, Energy and Environmental Law Section

Crawford County Bar Association

Northwest Pennsylvania American Inn of Court

Graduated magna cum laude, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law

### **INDUSTRY/CIVIC**

Marcellus Shale Coalition

Pennsylvania Independent Oil and Gas Association, Environmental Committee  
Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America