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EDUCATION J.D. New York University School of Law

Kevin Gormly has significant experience in complex federal and state court oil and gas litigation. He routinely handles litigation on behalf of operators involving oil and gas leases, contractual issues, joint operating agreements, farmout agreements, drilling contracts and joint venture agreements. He frequently presents on legal topics related to the oil and gas industry, his most recent presentations include "Surface Owner Efforts to Prevent Development," "Keeping the Lease Alive," and "Joint Operating Agreements."

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Served as trial counsel for operator in Pennsylvania's landmark case involving the deductibility of post-production costs in oil and gas leases

Represented operator in case before the Pennsylvania Superior Court deciding that there is no implied duty to develop different strata in oil and gas leases

Served as trial counsel for operator in a case between operators in which plaintiff sought \$66 million in damages over a preferential right provision in a joint operating agreement

Sought a federal TRO when a township refused to allow certain oil and gas operations

Represented operators with respect to Department of Environmental Protection violations and before the Pennsylvania Environmental Hearing Board

Defended client in jury trial in water contamination case

Represented operators in well explosion cases, OSHA investigations, and zoning issues in local townships and municipalities

Sought summary judgment on behalf of operators in numerous cases where landowners sought to invalidate oil and gas leases

Represented operators and midstream companies in hundreds of cases involving issues such as land use, zoning, lease disputes, royalty disputes, injunction issues, water contamination, quiet title actions, dormant oil and gas actions, and explosion/catastrophe cases

Negotiated numerous purchase sale agreements and joint operating agreements on behalf of operators with respect to leasehold acreage in Pennsylvania

Represented operators before local townships and municipalities, including conditional-use permits, road-use agreements, heavy-hauling permits, bond issues, and access to public roads for operations

Prepared private placements memoranda (PPMs) for oil and gas drilling programs

Served as outside general counsel to several independent oil and gas operators and assisting these operators with complex oil and gas legal matters

Conducted due diligence projects

WORK EXPERIENCE

2017 Steptoe & Johnson PLLC

2013-2017 Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP

RECENT PUBLICATIONS / SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Energy Webcast - "Issues Affecting Pennsylvania Energy Operations"

"Utilization of Business Arrangements for Oil and Gas Development 2016," 8th Annual Oil and Gas Colloquium

"Acquisitions and Divestitures 2016," AAPL Annual Meeting

2016 Oil and Gas Law Review

"Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Update December 2016"

"Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Update September 2016"

"Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Update May 2016"

"Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Update January 2016"

2015 Oil and Gas Law Review

"Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Update December 2015"

"Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Update September 2015"

"Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Update June 2015"

"Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Update March 2015"

"Surface Owner Efforts to Prevent Development 2014," Energy & Mineral Law Foundation Conference

"Keeping the Lease Alive 2014," Appalachian Land Institute, Washington, PA

2014 Oil and Gas Law Review

"Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Update December 2014"

"Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Update September 2014"

"Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Update June 2014"

"Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Update March 2014"

"2013 Oil and Gas Law Review," February 2013

"Joint Operating Agreements 2013," CLE Seminar

"Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Litigation Update 2013," Michael Late Benedum Chapter of the American Association of Professional Landmen

"Hot Title Curative Issues Facing Pennsylvania Oil & Gas Operations," 2012 National Association of Division Order Analysts' Annual Institute

"Title Curative Issues Facing Pennsylvania Oil & Gas Operators," 2010 National Association of Division Order Analysts' Annual Institute

"Pennsylvania Dormant Oil & Gas Act 2010," Northern Appalachian Landman's Association

"Pennsylvania Title Issues 2010," Northern Appalachian Landman's Association State College

MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS

PROFESSIONAL

Pittsburgh Business Times, "Who's Who in Energy" list, 2012, 2014-2016

Indiana County Bar Association

Allegheny County Bar Association

INDUSTRY/CIVIC

Pennsylvania Independent Oil and Gas Association

Marcellus Shale Coalition

Independent Petroleum Association of America - Co-chair of Legislative Committee

Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation

Energy and Mineral Law Foundation

American Association of Professional Landmen, Michael Late Benedum Chapter

American Association of Professional Landmen, Northern Appalachian Landman's Association Chapter

YMCA of Indiana County, Former Board Member

YMCA of Indiana County, Former General Counsel

Homewood-Brushton YMCA, Former Board Member