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EDUCATION J.D. Case Western Reserve University

Vafa Barissi focuses his practice in energy law throughout the Appalachian Basin, specializing in title, due diligence and mineral acquisitions and divestitures.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Managed and coordinated due diligence review in connection with domestic exploration and production company's acquisition of 80,000 net acres in Ohio

Managed and coordinated due diligence review in connection with private equity portfolio company's acquisition of 20,000 net acres in southeastern Ohio

Managed and coordinated due diligence review in connection with start-up exploration and production company's acquisition of 42,000 net acres of Marcellus Shale in north central Pennsylvania

Managed and coordinated due diligence review in connection with private equity portfolio company's acquisition of 14,000 net acres in southeastern Ohio

Performed and coordinated due diligence review in connection with domestic exploration and production company's acquisition of 47,000 net acres in West Virginia

Managed and coordinated due diligence review in connection with domestic exploration and production company's acquisition of 90,000 net acres in Ohio

Performed and coordinated due diligence review in connection with leading public company's coal divestiture of over 300,000 net acres

Handled matters involving mineral transactions and acquisitions, including the coordination and performance of due diligence and title defect curative work to assist clients in development efforts

Experienced in abstracting and drafting surface, oil, gas, and other energy related title examinations for energy companies acquiring desired real estate rights

WORK EXPERIENCE

2012 Steptoe & Johnson PLLC

RECENT PUBLICATIONS / SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Michigan Oil and Gas Update," 4 Oil & Gas, Nat. Resources & Energy J. 355 (2018)

"Michigan Oil and Gas Update," 3 Oil & Gas, Nat. Resources & Energy J. 729 (2017)

"Michigan Oil and Gas Update," 2 Oil & Gas, Nat. Resources & Energy J. 211 (2016)

"Ohio Oil and Gas Update," 2 Oil & Gas, Nat. Resources & Energy J. 269 (2016)

NALTA News, December 2016 edition: Published article titled Ohio Supreme Court Reconciles Application of the 1989 and 2006 Versions of Dormant Mineral Act, by Lyle B. Brown, Timothy M. McKeen & M. Vafa Barissi

"Michigan Probate Law," NADOA

"Round Table Probate - North Dakota, Colorado, & Michigan" NADOA

"Ohio Oil and Gas Update," 2 Tex. A&M L. Rev. 265 (2015)

"Ohio Oil and Gas Update," 2 Tex. A&M L. Rev. 285 (2014)

"Ohio Oil and Gas Update," 19 Tex. Wesleyan L. Rev. 503 (2013)

MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS

PROFESSIONAL

Ohio Oil and Gas Association

Energy & Mineral Law Foundation