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**EDUCATION** LL.M Cambridge University (England)

Bob Fluharty focuses his practice in the area of energy law and has a wide range of experience in commercial financing and transactional issues related to energy and natural resource development. He has extensive experience representing clients in the coal, oil and gas industries.

### REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Led in-country due diligence team evaluating possible acquisition of privatized United Kingdom coal mining companies, including evaluation of all commercial and supply contracts with the United Kingdom and foreign customers and power generation companies, and national and local council licenses including environmental requirements and constraints. Facilities included multiple open cast mines on Scottish border, anthracite mines in Wales, and two oceangoing port facilities.

Represented lenders in transactions secured by operating assets

Represented production companies and land owners in negotiating and drafting coal, oil and gas leases, stock and asset acquisitions and divestitures, and other commercial transactions

### WORK EXPERIENCE

2014 Steptoe & Johnson PLLC  
1997-2014 Jackson Kelly PLLC  
1983-1996 Robinson & McElwee  
1979-1983 Love, Wise, Robinson & Woodroe

### RECENT PUBLICATIONS / SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Take-Or-Pay Settlement Not Subject To Royalty Claim, Says U.S. Fifth Circuit," American Oil & Gas Reporter, July 1998

"Criminal Liability for Environmental Law Violations by Coal Operators," 93 W. Va. L. Rev. 599 (1991)

"Coordinating Adjacent Coal, Oil and Gas Operations," Eastern Min. L. Spl. Institute (1987)

## **MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS**

### **PROFESSIONAL**

Chamber USA America's Leading Lawyers for Business

The Best Lawyers in America® (Energy Law, Mining Law, Natural Resources Law, Oil & Gas Law, Real Estate Law)

Best Lawyers® 2016 Charleston, WV, Oil and Gas Law, Lawyer of the Year

Best Lawyers® 2015 Charleston, WV, Mining Law, Lawyer of the Year

Super Lawyers® West Virginia 2010

West Virginia State Bar

West Virginia Bar Association

Kanawha County Bar Association

American Bar Association

### **INDUSTRY/CIVIC**

Trustee, Energy & Mineral Law Foundation