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LICENSURE ND | PA | WV
EDUCATION J.D. West Virginia University

B.J. Black likes a challenge, and part of that challenge is assisting his clients in meeting their business goals. Whether learning the day-to-day operations of his clients' business or focusing on the project at hand, at the core of B.J.'s practice is helping clients get where they want to be. Clients appreciate that B.J. uses his legal expertise and no nonsense personality to manage large scale diligence and title projects in an efficient and economical manner, often in an aggressive time frame. As the lead of the technical side of the firm's title practice, B.J. identifies creative solutions that are both economical and efficient. His responsiveness and legal knowledge are two of the many reasons clients turn to him for solutions.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Managed and coordinated due diligence review in connection with domestic exploration and production company's acquisition of 63,000 net acres in the Appalachian Basin totaling \$327MM

Managed and coordinated due diligence review in connection with domestic exploration and production company's acquisition of 43,000 net acres in Appalachian Basin totaling \$379MM

Managed large abstracting teams in multiple states to assist a major energy client in meeting an extensive drilling plan

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 due diligence, undertook curative work and prepared transactional documents for multi-million dollar energy transactions to assist clients in development efforts

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

WORK EXPERIENCE

2006 Steptoe & Johnson PLLC

RECENT PUBLICATIONS / SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Lease Life Cycle - Getting In, Getting Out, and Everything in Between," Qnections 2019

"Role of Quality Asset Management in Energy Transactions," Qnections 2018

North Dakota Update on the Law, NADOA Annual Institute, 2017

North Dakota Trusts and Estates, NADOA Annual Institute, 2014

Co-author, "Summary of Selected Principles of West Virginia Oil and Gas Law," 2012

"Appalachian Due Diligence," National Association of Lease and Title Analysts (NALTA) Annual Conference, September 2012

"Transfer of Mineral Rights," The Northern Appalachian Landman's Association, State College, Pennsylvania, November 2010

MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS

PROFESSIONAL

Monongalia County Bar Association

Marlyn E. Lugar Trial Association, West Virginia University College of Law

Graduated cum laude, West Liberty State College

INDUSTRY/CIVIC

Board Member (Director), Greater Appalachian Basin Association of Lease & Title Analysts (GABALTA) 2018-2019

Northern Appalachian Landmans Association (NALA)

Michael Late Benedum Chapter of AAPL