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Aaron Bruggeman is co-chair of Bricker & Eckler's Southeast Ohio initiative and is also a member of the firm's energy and natural resources team. He has extensive experience throughout Ohio and West Virginia on various issues related to the development of the Marcellus and Utica Shale region. While his practice focuses primarily on oil and gas pipeline litigation, oil and gas lease litigation and other energy-specific transactional matters, Aaron also has considerable experience in general commercial litigation and general real estate matters throughout Ohio. He has served as local counsel for national and international energy companies and energy generation facilities.

Aaron is a frequent speaker on shale activities in Southeast Ohio and a lifelong resident of Barnesville, Ohio. He is committed to assisting clients navigate diverse issues related to the region, while furthering the growth and development of the local communities.

Professional & Community Activities

- President, Barnesville Rotary Club
- Board Member, Barnesville Hospital Association
- Board Member, Barnesville Area Chamber of Commerce
- Former Board Member, Noble County Chamber of Commerce
- Member, Ohio University Eastern Regional Coordinating Council
- Member, Energy & Mineral Law Foundation

Presentations & Published Works

- Speaker, "The Ohio Marketable Title Act: Landowner's Last Hope or Outdated Law?" (with Craig Sweeney), *The Acronyms of Oil and Gas Law*, Columbus Bar Association, September 2017
- Speaker, "The 1989 Dormant Minerals Act: Corban and Its Progeny," Ohio State Bar Association 2016 Oil and Gas Update, November 18, 2016
- Speaker, "Ohio Access to Oil, Gas and Minerals," Ohio Professional Surveying Law, October 14, 2016

Bar Admissions & Activities

- Admitted, State of Ohio; State of West Virginia
- Admitted, United States District Court, Northern District of West Virginia
- Admitted, United States District Court, Southern District of West Virginia
- Admitted, United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio
- Member, Ohio State Bar Association
- Past President, Belmont County Bar Association (2017-2018)

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Education

- Ohio University (B.A., *cum laude*, Political Science, 2008)
- Capital University (J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2011); Associate Notes Editor, *Capital University Law Review*; Recipient, Roberta Mitchell Staff Member of the Year Award

Experience

Energy generation facility counsel

Represent Apex Power Group before the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) for the proposed Guernsey Power Station, a 1650-megawatt, natural gas-fired energy generation facility. In 2017, the project received approval to construct and operate the facility. Our team continues to provide substantial regulatory, legislative, tax, permitting and real estate counsel. In addition, we resolved issues involving interconnection with the local transmission company and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Oil and gas transactions and disputes

Provide Ohio-specific legal counsel to Gulfport Energy Corporation on a variety of transactional and litigation matters primarily involving title issues and oil and gas lease disputes, including several appeals.

Ohio Dormant Minerals Act appeals

Represented oil and gas clients in various Ohio appellate courts, including the Ohio Supreme Court and various intermediate appellate courts regarding Ohio Dormant Minerals Act appeals.

DMA amicus briefs

Filed amicus briefs on behalf of oil and gas clients in various Ohio appellate courts regarding the Ohio Dormant Minerals Act, including the Ohio Supreme Court.