



Aaron M. Bruggeman

Associate



Aaron Bruggeman's practice focuses on shale, oil and gas matters, and he primarily represents Ohio and West Virginia clients on various issues related to the development of the Marcellus and Utica shale region. He is a sought-after speaker on shale play activities, keeping his clients up to date on legislative and regulatory changes. A life-long resident of Barnesville, Aaron is committed to helping his neighbors navigate the diverse issues related to oil and gas matters for the successful growth of his community.

Aaron also has considerable experience in general commercial litigation throughout both Ohio and West Virginia, routinely handling hearings, discovery issues, depositions, and related litigation matters throughout both states.

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- Speaker, "The Ohio Marketable Title Act: Landowner's Last Hope or Outdated Law?"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, 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.