

Mineral Title Examination is an esoteric and complex discipline and a vital component to the development of natural resources.

Babst Calland utilizes a comprehensive, detail-driven title examination process to provide clients with the essential information they need to manage oil, gas and mineral assets. Our title opinions provide clear explanations of title defects and clouds on title along with practical curative recommendations — all in a timely manner. We apply this same approach in assisting clients with a variety of title-related matters, including due diligence, transactions and litigation.

Babst Calland's mineral title group views itself as an extension of our client's land departments. In partnership with our client, we approach every project with a view toward identifying title defects and clouds, recommending how to clear them and assisting in their execution so that drilling locations can be released for development as soon as possible.

Our clients include the most active exploration and production companies in the Appalachian Basin with assets in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky, and also in the Williston Basin with assets in North Dakota. Clients recognize Babst Calland for our knowledge and ability to provide the industry with quality mineral title examination, giving special consideration to the relevant history and legal nuance of each jurisdiction in which we practice.

The firm's title examination-related services include:

- Original drilling opinions
- Supplemental opinions
- Acquisition opinions
- Division order opinions
- Financing opinions
- Title issues in purchase and sale transactions, joint operating agreements and related due diligence
- Advising clients on various title issues and drafting appropriate curative instruments for:
  - Subordination of superior liens and encumbrances
  - Affidavits
  - Ratifications and acknowledgements
  - Potential title wash
  - Actions to quiet title
  - Community leases
  - Unknown heirs and missing estates
  - Undivided mineral ownership
  - Drafting of mineral and royalty deeds and assignments
  - Drafting of pooling and unitization agreements
  - Drafting of oil and gas leases, memoranda, amendments, assignments and ratifications
  - Litigation support



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