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Energy Litigation in the Appalachian Basin
As the natural gas industry continues to expand in the Appalachian Basin, the challenges for E&P companies and midstream operators have grown dramatically. With so many diverse interests and circumstances involved in the world’s largest shale play, the need for high quality, cost-effective litigation support has never been more important.

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THE INDUSTRY IS CURRENTLY FACING RECURRING LITIGATION IN A NUMBER OF AREAS, INCLUDING:

- Lease Challenges
- Challenges to Mineral Ownership
- Pipeline Construction Disputes
- Mechanics’ Lien Claims
- Pipeline Safety Actions
- Wage and Hour Claims
- Environmental and Toxic Tort Claims
- Regulatory Enforcement Actions
- Gas Migration Claims
- Seismic Activity Complaints

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Babst Calland’s Energy Litigation Practice Group is distinguishable in a number of other significant ways. Not only do we have energy litigators focused on the types of litigation now facing the industry, they are located in each of the states in the Appalachian Basin, and this team has the benefit of being supported by our multi-disciplinary Energy and Natural Resources practice group. This approach allows us to provide our clients with high quality, cost-effective services in developing a litigation strategy and defending claims.

A DEEP BENCH FOR PA, OH & WV

Our energy litigation attorneys are a force in the Appalachian Region. We routinely litigate a broad range of matters affecting the energy industry, including toxic tort, gas migration, lease dispute, quiet title, environmental, regulatory, construction, land use, and zoning actions.

Since its inception, Babst Calland has been a “go-to” resource for the energy industry. Collectively, our attorneys have practiced in courtrooms and agency tribunals with a deep bench of litigators based in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia. We are uniquely qualified to represent producers and midstream operators in local courts throughout the Appalachian Region by providing a coordinated, consistent defense strategy to best protect our clients’ interests.

Our knowledge of both the judiciary system and regulatory environment in each state sets us apart to successfully defend a client’s interests in either negotiation or litigation. We have credible, accomplished litigators who not only manage litigation strategies, but also try cases.

MULTIDISCIPLINARY EXPERIENCE

The Energy Litigation Practice Group draws upon the depth and breadth of our diverse energy legal team, which includes former regulatory agency attorneys, in-house counsel, and attorneys with engineering and other technical degrees. This is particularly important to energy clients where environmental, employment and labor, pipeline safety, quiet title, and local land use issues are at stake. Our litigators are supported by more than 80 full-time energy attorneys in our Energy and Natural Resources Group who work collaboratively as a multidisciplinary team from the Firm’s following practice areas:

- Environmental
- Title
- Construction
- Land Use
- Real Estate
- Employment & Labor
- Business Services

RESPONSIVE & RESULTS-DRIVEN

Our team of energy litigation attorneys is focused on addressing and anticipating client needs based on business strategy, priorities, and operating conditions in each state. We are able to mobilize quickly, efficiently and cost-effectively. Our energy-related technical experience on many fronts is immediately available through our team of energy attorneys and advisors. We have offices staffed with attorneys who have a critical understanding of the practices, procedures, and personnel involved in resolving litigation disputes throughout the Appalachian Region.

COST-EFFECTIVE

A preventative legal strategy has the potential of providing more value and protecting a client’s bottom line. Similarly, an ongoing litigation process requires a knowledgeable team of energy attorneys with access to the right support system when and where it’s needed most. This type of collaboration requires fewer billable hours because of the short learning curve needed by attorneys with focused areas of practice.

Our fees and approach to compensation for services are among the most competitive in the Appalachian Region. We believe every case requires a specific level of support that is most effective and efficient for advancing a client’s interest to a successful conclusion.
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