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Area of Emphasis

Austin Rogers is an associate in the Energy and Natural Resources and Litigation groups of Babst Calland. Mr. Rogers is primarily involved in general civil litigation in state and federal courts in West Virginia. He has experience with complex litigation before the West Virginia Mass Litigation Panel, defense of class actions, and litigation related to royalty disputes, operating agreements, leases, and commercial contracts. In addition, he has provided corporate representation and consultation related to employment, environmental, contract, leasing, and construction matters. Mr. Rogers also has appellate experience before the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Background

Mr. Rogers graduated from Old Dominion University with a B.S. in Political Science and a B.S. in Criminal Justice in 2017. He received his J.D. from the West Virginia University College of Law in 2020, where he served as the Executive Article Selection and Symposium Editor of the *West Virginia Law Review*. While in law school, Mr. Rogers participated in the United States Supreme Court Clinic, Land Use and Sustainable Development Clinic, and the General Litigation Clinic. Prior to joining Babst Calland, he worked as a staff attorney for the Public Service Commission of West Virginia.

Memberships and Affiliations

Mr. Rogers is admitted to practice in West Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee. He is also admitted to practice in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and United States District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of West Virginia. He currently serves on Defense Trial Counsel West Virginia's Young Lawyer Board and is actively involved in the Energy and Mineral Law Foundation, the Gas and Oil Association of West Virginia (GO-WV), the American Association of Airport Executives, Airports Council International – North America, and the West Virginia Airport Managers Association.

Publications/Presentations

Co-Author, "The Revised West Virginia Rules of Civil Procedure: A Primer," Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia's *2024 Litigation Digest*, Summer 2024.

Co-Author, "Federal Court Dismisses Challenge to WV Pooling Statute," Babst Calland *Energy Alert*, March 27, 2024.

Co-Author, "Federal Court Directed to Rule on Challenge to WV Pooling Statute," Babst Calland *Energy Alert*, February 1, 2024.

Co-Author, "Court to Rule on WV Pooling Statute Challenge," *GO-WV News*, February 2024.

Co-Author, "To Infinity and Beyond? Pennsylvania Supreme Court Casts Doubt Upon Presumptive Constitutional Limit for Punitive Damages," *The Legal Intelligencer*, November 2, 2023.

Co-Presenter, "The ABCs of Energy and Environmental Law in West Virginia," The West Virginia State Bar, September 13, 2023.

Co-Author, “Behind the Ball: How Third-Party Litigation Funding Puts Defendants in a Tight Spot,” Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia’s *2023 Litigation Digest*, Summer 2023.

Co-Presenter, “Devil’s Advocate: Crossing the Line of Zealous Advocacy,” EMLF’s 44th Annual Institute, June 19, 2023.

Co-Author, “Federal Appeals Court Issues Decision Related to Calculation of Royalties on Natural Gas Liquids,” Babst Calland *Energy Alert*, January 6, 2023.

Co-Author, “Federal Court Dismisses Challenge to Oil and Gas Unitization Statute,” Babst Calland *Energy Alert*, September 9, 2022.