



Christopher J. Baronzzi

partner

Chris focuses his practice on matters pertaining to energy law and related real estate matters. He has extensive knowledge and experience with oil, gas, coal, pipelines, electric transmission, and land use disputes and transactions. In his practice, Chris counsels clients in transactions and litigates disputes involving petroleum products and natural gas pipelines, eminent domain rights, the Ohio Dormant Mineral Act (ODMA), the Marketable Title Act (MTA), lease disputes, mandatory pooling and unitization, royalty disputes, mineral title issues and electric transmission, among other issues.

As a skilled litigator, Chris has represented clients in numerous Ohio and Pennsylvania county, state and federal courts, and before the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in disputes involving a variety of energy and real estate matters, construction disputes, mechanic's lien and creditor's rights issues.

Chris is also co-editor and frequent contributor to the firm's blog, *Energy Law Report*.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- Florida
- Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio

PRESENTATIONS

- "Legal Update: *Post Production Costs: To Deduct or Not to Deduct*," Ohio Oil & Gas Association (OOGA) Winter Meeting, March 4, 2022
- "Oil & Gas Law," Ohio Northern University Law School, March 23, 2021 and Spring 2017
- "Mineral Rights," Probate Seminar, The Ohio Judicial College, August 2015
- "Transfer of Mineral Rights," Spring Conference, The Ohio Association of Magistrates, April 2015

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Blogs

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EDUCATION

University of Akron School of Law,
J.D., *cum laude*, 2004

John Carroll University, B.S.E., *cum laude*, 2001

SERVICES

Energy

- Coal and mineral rights
- Oil and gas

Litigation

- Arbitration and mediation
- Commercial litigation
- Insurance litigation

- “Building a Pipeline – The Legal Perspective: Contracts, Real Estate Issues, Litigation and More,” National Business Institute Webinar, December 2014
- “NGL Gold Rush: A Surge of NGLs Impacting Ohio’s Manufacturing Future,” Third Black Gold Ohio Summit, September 2014
- “How to do Business with the Oil and Gas Industry,” Second Black Gold Ohio Summit, September 2013
- “Breaking Into Shale: Construction Opportunities in the Oil and Gas Industry,” September 2013

PUBLICATIONS

- “Supreme Court of Ohio set to issue guidance regarding ownership of oil and gas rights,” *Oil & Gas Matters*, October 2020

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Columbus Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Ohio Oil & Gas Association
- The Florida Bar

HONORS | AWARDS

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®
- Ohio State Bar Association, Best Brief Award “Best Private Briefs,” April 2018
- Ohio Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Edition
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award® in Antitrust Law

COMMUNITY

- Legal Aid Society of Columbus, Volunteer, 2016-present
- Pelotonia, Cyclist/Fundraiser, 2012-present
- The Childhood League, 2013-2019
- YWCA Columbus, Volunteer 2012-2013
- United Local Youth Soccer League, Coach, 2007-2010

SERVICES (CONTINUED)

Construction

Real Estate

- Appropriation and eminent domain
- Coal and mineral rights
- Real estate litigation

Environmental

- Chemical industry

Business Growth & Operation

- Chemicals