



# Christopher J. Baronzzi

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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

- "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
- "Building a Pipeline – The Legal Perspective: Contracts, Real Estate Issues, Litigation and More," National Business Institute Webinar, December 2014

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## SOCIAL MEDIA

### Blogs

energylawreport.com

### Twitter

@OilGasLawOhio

## 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
- Construction
- Commercial litigation
- Insurance litigation

- “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
- Southwest Coshocton Landowner’s Association Informational Oil and Gas Leasing Seminar, January 2012

## PUBLICATIONS

- “Supreme Court of Ohio set to issue guidance regarding ownership of oil and gas rights,” *Oil & Gas Matters*, October 2020
- “Fracking chemicals,” Shale Sheet Video Blog, *The Youngstown Vindicator*, December 2011
- “When all else fails,” Shale Sheet Video Blog, *The Youngstown Vindicator*, December 2011
- “Taxation of leases,” Shale Sheet Video Blog, *The Youngstown Vindicator*, December 2011
- “Water testing,” Shale Sheet Video Blog, *The Youngstown Vindicator*, December 2011

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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

## HONORS | AWARDS

- Ohio State Bar Association, Best Brief Award “Best Private Briefs,” April 2018
- *Ohio Super Lawyers*®, Rising Stars Edition, 2015-2018
- 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)

### Real Estate

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