



Christopher J. Baronzzi

Chris is a partner who focuses his practice on matters pertaining to the oil, gas and pipeline industries. Chris has extensive knowledge and experience covering a broad range of oil, gas and pipeline-related disputes and transactions, including matters involving new and existing pipeline easements, eminent domain rights, the Ohio Dormant Mineral Act, oil and gas lease disputes, mandatory pooling and unitization, lease forfeiture actions, royalty disputes and mineral title issues.

Chris is also a skilled litigator who has represented clients in numerous Ohio county and federal courts in a variety of disputes involving construction, real estate, and mechanic's lien laws. He is co-editor of 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, 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
- "Executive Briefing: NGL Gold Rush: A Surge of NGLs Impacting Ohio's Manufacturing Future," Third Black Gold Ohio Summit, September 2014
- "Pre-Summit Tutorial: How to 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

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Blogs

energylawreport.com
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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

Environmental

Litigation

- Commercial litigation
- Insurance litigation



- Southwest Coshocton Landowner's Association Informational Oil and Gas Leasing Seminar, February 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, November 2011

Honors | Awards

- Ohio State Bar Association, Best Brief Award "Best Private Briefs," April 2018
- *Ohio Super Lawyers*®, Rising Stars Edition, 2015-2018
- The Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction, CALI Award, Antitrust Law

Community

- Legal Aid Society of Columbus, Volunteer, 2016 - present
- Pelotonia, Cyclist/Fundraiser, 2012 - present
- The Childhood League, Volunteer, 2013 - present
- 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

Tax, Estate Planning & Personal Wealth

- Tax credit finance and affordable housing

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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