Tucker Ellis LLP

Oil & Gas

Overview

Our Oil & Gas Group has decades of experience representing oil and gas drillers, syndicators, investment partnerships, well operators, independent producers, service providers, landowners, and other holders of oil and gas rights. As leasing and drilling activity surges due to the use of horizontal drilling in shale formations, the broad scope of our experience allows Tucker Ellis to provide specialized and comprehensive counsel to companies in this industry.

Our experience dates back to Ohio's boom in oil and gas development during the 1970s and 1980s. Our solid understanding of the legal facets of oil and gas development is complemented by our attorneys' collective experience in federal and state taxation, federal and state securities regulation, environmental law, real estate law, and corporate finance and business organizations.

Our Oil & Gas Group represents clients in wide-ranging transactional aspects of oil and gas development and related governmental regulations, including the review and drafting of agreements relating to the financing, development, operation, and transfer of oil and gas properties. We routinely counsel clients with regard to oil and gas leases and other contracts relating to mineral interests, including:

- drilling contracts;
- operating agreements;
- joint venture agreements;
- pipeline easements;
- royalty agreements;
- syndication; and
- investment documentation and other related contracts and instruments.

The litigators in our Oil & Gas Group have handled disputes over royalty calculations, lease termination rights, and environmental damage allegedly caused by drilling operations.

The environmental attorneys in our Oil & Gas Group have provided compliance assistance with regard to environmental permitting, regulatory requirements, and water rights-related issues.

Experience

- Represented an oil & gas exploration company with regard to water rights and litigation involving contractual rights for water withdrawals

- Represented an oil & gas exploration company in litigation involving conservation easements and maintenance of subsurface mineral rights