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Rodger L. Puz is a shareholder and the General Counsel of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. He concentrates his practice in the areas of commercial and catastrophic personal injury litigation, including energy law, admiralty, product liability, toxic tort matters, and outside general counsel services.

His practice includes cases in federal and state courts in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ohio, and administrative proceedings with federal and state agencies, including the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the United States Department of Labor. Mr. Puz handles litigation in all aspects of energy law including (1) well site accidents, (2) gas migration and nuisance cases, (3) lease challenges, (4) mineral trespass cases, and (5) inter-company disputes. Energy matters include oil and gas upstream and midstream and coal mining.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Puz worked as a petroleum engineer in the Appalachian Basin.

## Practice Focus

- Energy
- Outside General Counsel Services
- Toxic Tort

## Professional Accomplishments

- AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell® since 2009
- "Who's Who in Energy: Legal," *Pittsburgh Business Times*

## Representative Matters

### *Commercial Disputes*

- Claims under oil and gas joint operating agreements, including trial and successful defense of claim for \$66 million in damages
- Claims under well development agreements
- Maritime commercial loss claims

### *Mineral, Landowner and Environmental Disputes*

- Lease termination cases

- Matters under various mine and environmental statutes including the Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Act and the Surface Mine Reclamation and Conservation Act
- Well and mineral ownership disputes, including successful trial defense and motions for summary judgment

### *Catastrophic Personal Injury and Toxic Tort Disputes*

- Well site and mine site accidents, including successful trial defense and motions for summary judgment
- Groundwater contamination and private nuisance matters stemming from oil and gas operations, including summary judgment for pressure pumping company in notable gas and fluid migration case in Southwestern Pennsylvania
- Maritime personal injury claims, including successful trial defense

## Speaking Engagements

- "Litigation Update for the Shale Plays" (Panelist); Institute for Energy Law (IEL) and Energy & Mineral Law Foundation (EMLF) 9th Law of Shale Plays Conference; Pittsburgh, PA; 9/5–9/6/2018
- "Bad Faith Pooling and Unitization in the Development of Shale Formations" (Co-Presenter); Energy & Mineral Law Foundation (EMLF) 36th Annual Institute; Amelia Island, FL; 6/21–6/23/2015

## Admissions and Licenses

- Ohio Bar Admission
- Pennsylvania Bar Admission
- West Virginia Bar Admission
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third, Fourth, and Sixth Circuits
- United States District Courts in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia

## Memberships

- Allegheny County Bar Association
- Energy & Mineral Law Foundation
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Independent Oil and Gas Association

## Education

- Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University, J.D. (1992), *cum laude*
- The Pennsylvania State University, B.S. (1983), Petroleum & Natural Gas Engineering

