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John R. Seeds is a shareholder of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C., resident in the Pittsburgh office. He concentrates his practice in the areas of energy-related litigation and transactional matters for oil and natural gas upstream operations across the Appalachian Basin. Mr. Seeds further advises several public and privately-held natural gas production companies concerning unit based title matters and leasehold acquisition, quick response transactional due diligence, division order title, and curative matters for acreage positions in the Marcellus, Utica, and New Albany shale plays. He routinely advises operators regarding Ohio's Dormant Mineral Act, Marketable Title Act, and other statutory regimes impacting oil and gas development in the Utica. Mr. Seeds has also appeared before the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas Resources, presenting applications for statutory unitization under Section 1509.28 of the Ohio Revised Code. Additionally, he represents several operators in Ohio state and federal courts defending leasehold interests in matters involving held-by-production/operations challenges, royalty disputes, quiet-title, mortgage foreclosure, state and federal tax lien foreclosure, lease forfeiture, pipeline easement condemnation, and various contractual disputes with landowners. His litigation experience covers Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia.

Before beginning his civilian career, Mr. Seeds served in the U.S. Marine Corps as an officer and judge advocate, defending service members charged with misdemeanor and felony level offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. He was stationed at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, California.

Practice Focus

- Energy
- Oil and Gas
- Real Estate

Professional Accomplishments

- *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers® – Rising Stars* 2014–2018

Speaking Engagements

- "Handouts and Paybacks: Remedies for Payments Made to the Wrong Party" (Co-Presenter/Co-Author); Energy & Mineral Law Foundation Special Institute; Post-Corban; December 2016
- "Key Partner or Potential Adversary? The Bureau of Land Management's Role in the Leasing and Development of the Wayne National Forest" (Co-Presenter); Ohio State Bar Association Oil and Gas Update; November 2016

- "Recent Decisions in Marcellus Shale Jurisprudence" (Presenter); 32nd Annual Energy & Mineral Law Foundation Institute; May 2011

Publications

- "Pa. High Court's Oil and Gas Lease Ruling: An Industry Win" (Co-Author), *Law360.com* website, 4/5/2016

Admissions and Licenses

- Ohio Bar Admission
- Pennsylvania Bar Admission
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- United States Tax Court

Memberships

- American Association of Professional Landmen
- Energy & Mineral Law Foundation
- Judge Advocates Association
- Northern Appalachian Landman's Association
- Ohio Oil and Gas Association
- Ohio State Bar Association Leadership Academy (2010)

Community Involvement

- Operation Homefront Ohio – Central Great Lakes office (former Board Member)

Education

- J.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Law (2003); *Journal of Law and Commerce* (Executive Editor)
- B.A., College of William & Mary (2000), Economics and English

