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Tara Hopper Rice is an associate of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. She concentrates her practice in the areas of real estate and energy law with a focus on issues related to the development and purchase of oil, gas and other minerals. She counsels clients on issues surrounding hydraulic fracturing and well-specific activities, such as contract review, subsurface trespass, environmental concerns, and insurance disputes. She is skilled in drafting and reviewing various types of title opinions, including drilling, leasehold, coal, and division order opinions and analyzing complex leaseholds and fractionalized heirships. Ms. Rice has substantial experience with real estate/energy litigation, including handling boundary, surface use issues, recovery of royalty payments, and easement disputes as well as drafting Dormant Oil and Gas Act Petitions, Quiet Title Actions, and Complaints for Declaratory Judgment. Additionally, Ms. Rice is also a certified housing court arbitrator and mediator.

Beyond real estate/energy services, Ms. Rice handles bankruptcy/workout matters, including representation of secured and unsecured creditors in Chapter 7, 11, and 13 proceedings, dischargeability issues, proof of claim filings, debt and payment negotiations, and fraudulent transfer and claim objections. She is the recipient of the ACBA Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section's Gerald K. Gibson Memorial Award and American Bankruptcy Institute Medal of Excellence.

Ms. Rice also practices family law, handling divorce, custody, support and equitable distribution matters as well as disputes arising from prenuptial, marital, and postnuptial agreements.

### Practice Focus

- Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy
- Energy
- Estate Planning and Administration
- Family Law
- Oil and Gas
- Real Estate

### Representative Matters

- Successfully represented numerous commercial and residential property owners and tenants before various Pennsylvania county boards and Courts of Common Pleas in real estate tax assessment cases
- Achieved significant real estate tax reductions for national fast-food chain franchisees, regional grocery chain, and strip mall owner
- Facilitated and completed an extensive review of oil and gas lease collateral for purchase by a credit-oriented alternative asset manager

## Publications

- *A Technical and Legal Overview of Induced Seismicity* (Co-Author), Energy & Mineral Law Foundation, 2015

## Admissions and Licenses

- Pennsylvania Bar Admission
- West Virginia Bar Admission
- Wyoming Bar Admission
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

## Memberships

- Allegheny County Bar Association
- American Association of Professional Landmen
- Energy & Mineral Law Foundation
- Northern Appalachian Landman's Association

## Community Involvement

- Allegheny County Bar Association's "Wills for Heroes"
- Duquesne Law's Veterans Clinic
- Hempfield District Area Senior High School (former varsity lacrosse coach)
- United States Army (ASVAB tutor)

## Education

- Duquesne University School of Law, J.D. (2012), *cum laude*; Trial Advocacy Program; *Criminal Law Journal*; recipient of CALI Excellence for the Future Awards® in Bankruptcy and Remedies and Damages; recipient of Certificate of Distinction in Clinical Work; Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity (Alumni Chair)
  - Duquesne University, M.A. (2007), *magna cum laude*, History and Archival, Museum and Editing Studies
  - Saint Vincent College, B.A. (2006), *cum laude*, History, minors in Education and Political Science
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