



## Dennis R. Very

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Mr. Very's experience includes: 1) managing the legal affairs while acting as the Chief Compliance Officer for an Appalachian basin based oil and gas exploration and production company, 2) managing a team of attorneys handling real estate issues, including oil and gas title opinions, mineral rights, leasing, landlord tenant, and drafting and analyzing deeds and transactional documentation, and 3) decades of experience as a complex commercial litigator which provides a unique insight benefitting his oil and gas as well as his other clients.

For his oil and gas clients, Mr. Very has advised, drafted, analyzed and negotiated drilling, site access, surface access and use, midstream and gathering, license, master service, microseismic, water, license, easement, and purchase and sale agreements. Mr. Very has analyzed risk profiles and initiated and developed risk mitigation programs – including the analysis of contractual indemnities and risk exposure; worked with safety personnel to develop a more thorough safety program; developed a Compliance Plan while presenting internal training programs. Mr. Very has also analyzed and ensured that the proper corporate documentation was in place. Mr. Very has managed litigation and pre-litigation to avoid the formal initiation of lawsuits, advised and counseled on a variety of employment issues as well as the best practices for management of public relations.

## PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

**Business Reorganizations and Bankruptcy**

**Energy & Natural Resources Group**

**Real Estate**

## EDUCATION

Duquesne University Law School, 1995, J.D., cum laude

University of Notre Dame, 1991, B.B.A.

## ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania

U.S. Court of Appeals: Third Circuit

Prior to his in-house counsel and Chief Compliance Officer position, Mr. Very practiced in the Pittsburgh office of Pepper Hamilton, LLP where he represented oil and gas clients on multiple litigations concerning oil and gas leases. Mr. Very also handled various complex commercial litigation in federal and state courts, including contract interpretation issues regarding requirements contracts in the energy industry, corporate governance agreements, real estate transactions, civil rights, and financial services – lending and leasing. In the United States Bankruptcy Court, Mr. Very prosecuted over 100 preference matters, defended various avoidance actions, litigated debt versus equity issues, and secured lenders security rights and interests.

## **MEMBERSHIPS & ACTIVITIES**

- Member: St. Thomas More Society
- Member: Bankruptcy Inns of Court
- Member: Notre Dame Club of Pittsburgh
- Member: Allegheny County Bar Association
- Member: Association of Corporate Counsel
- Logistics Chairman: Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh's Bowl for Kids' Sake (1997-2002)