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### About the Group

Building on our experience over more than 30 years in the oil and gas industry, lawyers in Thompson Hine’s Shale Energy & Infrastructure Task Force understand the significant effect that shale development has on state economies. We are a highly collaborative multidisciplinary group offering extensive experience to clients such as:

- Construction companies
- Electric utilities
- Financial institutions
- Gas and petroleum production equipment manufacturers
- Gas transmission businesses
- Independent power producers
- Manufacturers
- Mining companies
- Oil and gas exploration and production companies
- Real estate developers and owners
- Manufacturers
- Transportation companies

### The Experience You Need

Our collective experience includes representing oil and gas industry clients in all aspects of oil and gas exploration and production, including counseling on regulatory issues and negotiating mineral leases and mineral asset acquisitions and divestitures. Active in the professional community, we often serve in leadership roles in real estate and industrial trade groups and the American Bar Association. The depth and scope of our experience and the seamless integration of relevant practices within our firm facilitates this multidisciplinary effort.

Thompson Hine “wrote the book” on Ohio environmental law. In partnership with LexisNexis, our environmental group publishes the annual *Ohio Environmental Law Practice Manual*. The guide serves as the premier and most comprehensive legal reference for Ohio’s environmental and natural resource laws and regulations.





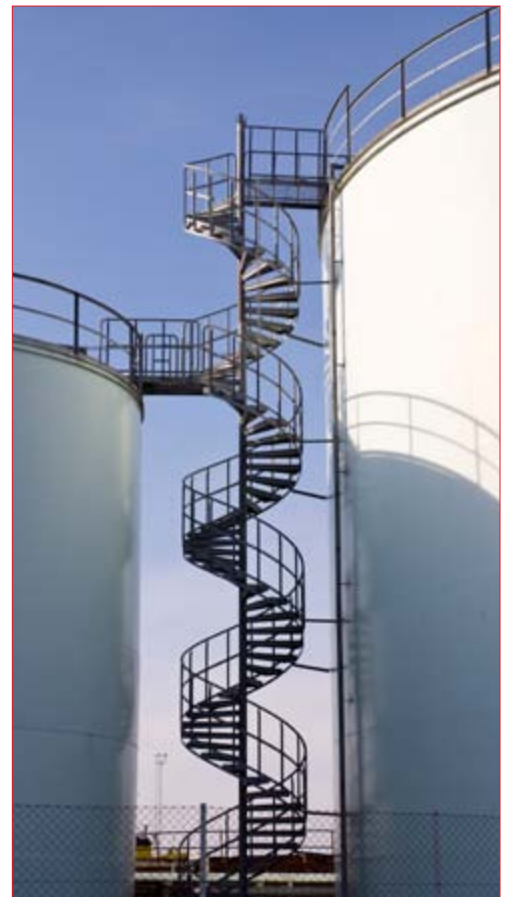
### Comprehensive Services:

- All aspects of oil and gas exploration and production
- Natural resources law
- Gas collection, transmission and distribution
- Energy project development, contracting, regulation and project finance for a wide range of facilities
- Management of air emissions, wastewater discharges and waste disposal permitting, pollution control planning and enforcement defense
- Product stewardship/chemical regulation, including regulatory approvals for new products, formulations and chemicals under the Toxic Substances Control Act; Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act; and chemical-specific mandates
- Public and private securities transactions involving entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, public companies, private equity investors and management groups
- Investment management advice including structural, transactional and regulatory advice to mutual funds, hedge funds, registered investment advisers and broker-dealers
- Regulatory advice and counsel – mining, environmental, energy, supply chain management, tax and proactive practices
- Consultation to landowners and developers on leasing mineral interests to producers
- Litigation on emerging issues relevant to shale development, traditional environmental law, toxic and mass tort, nuisance, product liability, insurance and risk management, and applications in federal and state venues
- Transportation and supply chain management at the company, city, county and state levels, working with critical national transportation precedents

### In-Depth Industry Knowledge

Our work includes comprehensive support in a variety of practice areas:

- Administrative Law & Regulatory Compliance, including defense of enforcement actions, compliance, risk management and federal, state and local permitting solutions
- Construction, including owners, construction managers, contractors, transactional and advocacy work
- Corporate, including M&A, government contracting, whistle-blower, fraud investigations and suspension/debarment actions
- Environmental, including regulatory, litigation, Brownfields and environmental transactions
- Energy, including regulatory, fuel supply, emissions credits and secondary market transactions
- Global Sourcing & Procurement, including public-private sourcing, supply chain, logistics and distribution
- Litigation, including mass & toxic tort, eminent domain and commercial lease disputes
- Natural Resources, including permitting, administrative orders and appeals, mining and extraction
- Real Estate, including land use, planning and zoning and infrastructure
- Tax, including transactions, financing and general tax planning, tax controversy
- Transportation, including rail, motor carrier, hazardous materials and federal agency practice





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## OUR CLIENT SERVICE PLEDGE

### What Our Clients Can Expect From Us . . .

- We will know your business.** We make it our business to understand your business. We will invest our time and resources to develop and maintain knowledge of the dynamics that impact both your industry and your organization. Understanding your business will help us provide better counsel to you.
- We will plan our engagements with you.** We know that clients differ in their goals, risk tolerance and a variety of other factors that must be taken into consideration before work can begin on any matter. At the beginning of every significant matter, we will work with you to develop a plan to meet your strategic goals. By agreeing on a plan at the beginning – and adjusting it as needed – we will stay focused on what is most important to you.
- We will manage your work as if we were the client.** We will work with you to manage your costs. We will staff every matter with the right resources, and we will manage the work as if we were the client – delivering the highest quality of service on time and in the most cost-effective manner.

- We will be available when you need US.** We recognize that you often need to make swift decisions and act quickly. We will be ready to act for you when you need us, and we will make ourselves available wherever and whenever necessary.
- We will communicate often.** Our goal is that you will never be surprised about developments in anything we are handling. We will provide regular updates on the progress of your matters, including all significant developments and changes to scope, timeline or budget.
- We will provide the highest-quality counsel.** Above all else, we stand for the highest quality. Our lawyers, paralegals and staff take pride in the work they do. From the boardroom to the courtroom, you can count on Thompson Hine for the highest-quality service.

### What Our Clients Can Do To Help . . .

- We ask you to share your goals.** The more we know about your goals, the better we can manage our services to help you attain them. If your goals change as a matter progresses, we ask that you tell us, so we can adjust our approach to meet your expectations.
- We want to know your preferences for working with us.** We ask you to tell us your preferred methods of communication, invoice and billing procedures, and anything else that is important to you, so that we can deliver our service the way you want it.
- We need your feedback.** We want your feedback on our performance so that we can continue to meet and exceed your expectations.

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