



Michael W. Wise

MEMBER

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OVERVIEW

Mike is a Member at McDonald Hopkins, the former Co-Chair of the firm's Energy Practice Group and prior Chairman of the Firm's Government and Public Finance Group. Mike has extensive experience in the shale industry. He is also working directly with a number of advanced / renewable energy companies on finance and regulatory issues. Mike's practice includes both oil and gas issues and solar energy development.

Prior to joining McDonald Hopkins, Mike was the Director of Governor Taft's Regional Economic Development Office in Cleveland, where he was the senior liaison between the Cleveland business community and the Governor. While at the Governor's office, he was involved in numerous major public / private partnerships. Mike continues to assist clients in financially engineering their projects with the assistance of public support.

Mike is also a former member of the Ohio General Assembly, where he served as Chairman of the Higher Education Subcommittee. Mike carried two key major education Bills that became law. One was to bring vouchers to the City of Cleveland and the other was to install the Cleveland mayor as CEO of the Cleveland Public School District. Mike is also the former Co-Chair of the Cuyahoga County Republican Party. He served on the Republican State Central Committee and has acted as Special Counsel to the Ohio Attorney General for the last 20 years. Finally, Mike served for eight years as an elected Township Trustee.

Mike earned his J.D. from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in 1990. He attended Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary and received a B.A., with highest honors, from Grove City College in 1984.

Practice Focus

Energy | Oil and gas | Renewable energy development | Solar energy development | Public law | Environmental, social and governance (ESG) | Government relations | Erosion control and Special Improvement Districts | Public finance

Industries

Solar energy for universities and academic institutions

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Representative Cases & Matters

- Represents a national oil and gas driller with respect to government issues and land rights.
- Represented an energy company in regards to FERC permits for an offshore installation.
- Represented a renewable energy company in regards to its FERC and Army Corp permits for river installations.
- Obtained a new Final Rule regarding tire registration for a distributor.
- Represented a consortium of coal companies in securing a federal appropriation.
- Representation of trade group of Ohio industrials regarding energy issues.
- General counsel for an offshore wind project.
- General counsel for an energy development company.
- Represented nationwide solar EPC on development issues.
- Represented nationwide solar lender on project financing.
- Represented multiple regional solar developers on project development.
- Representation of a national association with respect to election law disputes.
- Representation of a steel manufacturer with respect to a \$250 million federally guaranteed loan.
- Representation of a major steel manufacturer with respect to a bankruptcy workout.
- Lobbied for a coalition of Fortune 1000 companies regarding asbestos legislation.
- Representation of companies with respect to government economic assistance packages.
- Representation of multiple steel companies on carbon reduction initiative.
- Representation of a shale E&P with focus on legislative, regulatory, and water issues.
- Formation and representation of an industrial water company.

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Assisted pipeline EPC with state and FERC related issues.

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PPP projects include multiple sports stadiums, highways, convention centers, and short line railroads.

Honors & Recognition

Presidential Citation Award, Academy of Medicine of Cleveland and Northern Ohio

Forty Under 40: The Class of 1995, Crain's Cleveland Business

Leadership Cleveland: The Class of 1994

Ohio Roundtable Leadership in Government Award (1994)

Selected as a Best Lawyer in America (2020-2024)

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Credentials

EDUCATION

Case Western Reserve University School of Law

Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary

Grove City College

ADMISSIONS – COURT

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

ADMISSIONS – STATE

Ohio

Pennsylvania

West Virginia

Professional & Civic

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Ohio Oil and Gas Leasing Commission

American Council of Young Political Leaders

SEIA

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Oil and Gas Land Management Commission Board Member (9/30/2018 - 9/29/2023)

Chagrin Falls Township Trustee (2009-2018)

Cuyahoga County Republican Party, Co-Chair (2000-2005)

Governor Taft's Northeast Ohio Regional Representative (1999-2000)

Ohio State Representative; Chairman, Higher Education Subcommittee (1992-1998)

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News & Insights

NEWS | AUGUST 17, 2023

55 McDonald Hopkins attorneys recognized in the 2024 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America*

NEWS | AUGUST 18, 2022

50 McDonald Hopkins attorneys recognized in the 2023 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America*™

BLOG POST | MARCH 30, 2022

Global energy events are changing the course of the ESG movement in the US

BLOG POST | OCTOBER 6, 2021

Is your business prepared to deal with electricity price shocks?

BLOG POST | SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

Markets paying close attention to ESG in agricultural industry

NEWS | AUGUST 19, 2021

50 McDonald Hopkins attorneys recognized in *The Best Lawyers*

BLOG POST | JULY 28, 2021

Companies must adapt as investors' increased emphasis on ESG proves these new standards are here to stay

BLOG POST | MARCH 10, 2021

Congress passes the American Rescue Plan after multiple delays

BLOG POST | DECEMBER 21, 2020

Ohio governor signs bill spearheaded by Senator Dolan, allowing "Benefit Corporations"

BLOG POST | NOVEMBER 23, 2020

House Bill 218 expanding the use of public-private partnerships

BLOG POST | AUGUST 24, 2020

House of Representatives passes emergency USPS legislation

NEWS | AUGUST 20, 2020

Lawyer of the Year honorees Riley and Welin among 42 McDonald Hopkins attorneys recognized as 2021 Best Lawyers

BLOG POST | AUGUST 10, 2020

President Trump bypasses Congress and introduces four new executive actions to address COVID-19

BLOG POST | AUGUST 3, 2020

Senate Republicans introduce a new stimulus package: The HEALS Act

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ALERT | JULY 6, 2020

States begin to mandate facial coverings in effort to combat COVID-19

BLOG POST | JULY 6, 2020

Moving Forward Act passes through the House of Representatives but faces uncertain future

BLOG POST | JUNE 29, 2020

Digesting the Moving Forward Act's expansive public finance provisions

BLOG POST | JUNE 26, 2020

House of Representatives Democrats push for complete overhaul of America's infrastructure in new Moving Forward Act

BLOG POST | MAY 26, 2020

Ohio Department of Health modifies the Stay Safe Ohio Order: What actually changed?

BLOG POST | MAY 18, 2020

Ohio set to expand civil immunity measures: What the healthcare industry and other businesses should watch for

ALERT | MAY 15, 2020

HEROES Act: House of Representatives pass the largest economic stimulus bill in history

BLOG POST | MAY 4, 2020

Ohio businesses move towards a slow and restricted reopening

BLOG POST | APRIL 27, 2020

Ohio set to begin phased reopening Friday, May 1

BLOG POST | APRIL 23, 2020

A timeline for returning to normal: When will each state reopen?

BLOG POST | APRIL 23, 2020

States reopening despite federal guidelines

ALERT | APRIL 23, 2020

Congress passes \$484B coronavirus relief bill

BLOG POST | APRIL 21, 2020

Comparing stay-at-home orders: Permitted activities in one state may be a violation in another

BLOG POST | APRIL 21, 2020

Only limited construction projects permissible under Michigan stay-at-home order

BLOG POST | APRIL 8, 2020

Available state resources and incentives

ALERT | APRIL 7, 2020

Confusion remains as state attorneys general order businesses to shutdown

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BLOG POST | APRIL 6, 2020

Floridians ordered to stay home with exceptions to perform essential activities through April 30

ALERT | APRIL 2, 2020

Ohio to extend stay-at-home order until May 1

BLOG POST | APRIL 1, 2020

Updated guidance on SBA economic disaster loans

BLOG POST | MARCH 31, 2020

New businesses and workers considered essential under updated CISA guidelines

NEWS | MARCH 31, 2020

Major disaster declaration critical to Ohio governments

BLOG POST | MARCH 27, 2020

Ohio elections, taxation, open meetings, water utilities and more: Public entities affected by sweeping state COVID-19 response

ALERT | MARCH 26, 2020

CARES Act: An early analysis of the historic Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act

BLOG POST | MARCH 25, 2020

Navigating a stay-at-home order: Is your business non-essential?

BLOG POST | MARCH 23, 2020

Navigating through economic instability and COVID-19: SBA economic injury disaster loans

BLOG POST | MARCH 23, 2020

Illinois non-essential businesses forced to close through April 7

BLOG POST | MARCH 23, 2020

Michigan non-essential businesses forced to close through April 13

ALERT | MARCH 22, 2020

Ohio non-essential businesses forced to close through April 6

NEWS | DECEMBER 9, 2019

MH serves as counsel in second solar project of the year

BLOG POST | AUGUST 23, 2019

In the face of cybersecurity threats, federal court orders Georgia to reform voting systems

NEWS | AUGUST 14, 2019

41 attorneys from McDonald Hopkins recognized as 2020 Best Lawyers®

BLOG POST | AUGUST 5, 2019

Efforts underway to mitigate cyber risks facing US elections

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BLOG POST | JUNE 28, 2019

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission expands cybersecurity incident reporting requirements

BLOG POST | JUNE 14, 2019

Texas enacts new laws bolstering cybersecurity of utilities and electric cooperatives

BLOG POST | NOVEMBER 26, 2018

What's driving Ohio's new political map: Shale or Trump? ... Shale!

BLOG POST | OCTOBER 29, 2018

Fighting energy poverty with natural gas

BLOG POST | OCTOBER 15, 2018

Utica Summit VI: What We Learned in Canton, Ohio

BLOG POST | OCTOBER 5, 2018

Natural gas boom in Appalachia and Northeast is good for region, and it serves national interest

BLOG POST | OCTOBER 5, 2018

The role of trade in Trump's principled realism

BLOG POST | SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

The incredible impact of natural gas on Ohio and the U.S.

BLOG POST | AUGUST 13, 2018

Brooklyn Solar Project Update

BLOG POST | MAY 22, 2018

Solar is "in" in Brooklyn, Ohio

NEWS | APRIL 26, 2018

McDonald Hopkins holds discussion to examine impact of tariffs on U.S. solar development

NEWS | APRIL 5, 2018

"Dublin-based IGS to develop solar farm on former landfill near Cleveland"

NEWS | APRIL 5, 2018

"IGS Solar to Begin Construction of Solar on Landfill Site in Ohio"

BLOG POST | APRIL 4, 2018

What is causing the U.S. decline in CO2 emissions?

BLOG POST | FEBRUARY 22, 2018

Massachusetts' NIMBY approach to energy is jeopardizing the environment globally

BLOG POST | FEBRUARY 2, 2018

Change in policy needed to ensure untapped energy potential is reached

BLOG POST | FEBRUARY 1, 2018

4 unappreciated truths about natural gas

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BLOG POST | JANUARY 3, 2018

Northeast utilizing dirty, expensive fuel oil – not clean natural gas – during this deep freeze

BLOG POST | JANUARY 2, 2018

Midwest rides out record cold with economical natural gas

NEWS | JANUARY 2, 2018

MH Business Exchange Episode 4 forecasts the future of the US energy market and its impact on the economy

PODCAST | JANUARY 2, 2018

Episode 04: Forecasting the US energy market

NEWS | OCTOBER 12, 2017

"Kasich announces appointments to state boards and commissions"

BLOG POST | SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

Trump can lead an energy renaissance that environmentalists should support

BLOG POST | SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

An active FERC could achieve a win-win-win

BLOG POST | AUGUST 10, 2017

Dysfunction in Washington impacts energy projects

BLOG POST | JUNE 30, 2017

Trump's Energy Week focuses on America's energy dominance

BLOG POST | JUNE 26, 2017

Unique solar platforms offer new energy solutions

BLOG POST | JUNE 19, 2017

Shale industry closing the door on energy re-regulation in Ohio

BLOG POST | MAY 26, 2017

Appalachia rising

NEWS | MAY 12, 2017

"Brooklyn solar farm work to start soon"

NEWS | MAY 12, 2017

"Charter Steel's planned \$153 million expansion in Cuyahoga Heights wins a key approval"

BLOG POST | MAY 4, 2017

Shale midstream at a crossroads

BLOG POST | MAY 1, 2017

Comparing 100 days of Trump vs. Obama

BLOG POST | APRIL 25, 2017

2017 is affirming that shale is transformative

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BLOG POST | MARCH 3, 2017

In Ohio energy policy, the new squares off with the old

BLOG POST | MARCH 1, 2017

Update on Trump's energy initiatives

NEWS | FEBRUARY 17, 2017

"Solar farm proposed for Brooklyn landfill clears another hurdle"

BLOG POST | FEBRUARY 13, 2017

Can natural gas prices break out?

BLOG POST | JANUARY 26, 2017

President Trump's Energy Plan

BLOG POST | JANUARY 9, 2017

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce and Ohio Shale

ALERT | JANUARY 3, 2017

Ohio governor vetoes sales tax exemption for oil and gas equipment

ALERT | DECEMBER 20, 2016

Ohio Dormant Mineral Act decision appealed to US Supreme Court

NEWS | DECEMBER 13, 2016

"Where will Cuyahoga County build its first solar farm?"

BLOG POST | NOVEMBER 15, 2016

Appalachian Shale's Trump Card

BLOG POST | OCTOBER 26, 2016

MH Energy Exchange Ep. 001: The Republican Party energy platform with Dan Carter

BLOG POST | OCTOBER 14, 2016

More natural gas pricing trends

BLOG POST | SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

Natural gas breaks through \$3

BLOG POST | SEPTEMBER 23, 2016

Big Ohio shale shout out

BLOG POST | SEPTEMBER 22, 2016

Conservatives and clean energy

ALERT | SEPTEMBER 16, 2016

Ohio Supreme Court decides three critical Dormant Mineral Cases

BLOG POST | AUGUST 3, 2016

Post-Convention Energy Insights

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BLOG POST | JULY 5, 2016

Golden Age of US Energy

BLOG POST | JUNE 13, 2016

US energy security is on the rise

BLOG POST | MAY 31, 2016

Who is #1 in the Utica?

BLOG POST | MAY 26, 2016

State of shale dependent on responsible energy policy

BLOG POST | APRIL 7, 2016

More on the presidential hopefuls and energy policy

BLOG POST | MARCH 11, 2016

Governor Kasich steps out on energy

BLOG POST | MARCH 2, 2016

Say what?! Energy Secretary Moniz and the pipeline problem

BLOG POST | JANUARY 20, 2016

It is time for Congress to support the US Oil & Gas Industry

BLOG POST | DECEMBER 29, 2015

End of the year energy cheer

BLOG POST | DECEMBER 14, 2015

It's the Utica...

BLOG POST | DECEMBER 7, 2015

It's the shale stupid

BLOG POST | NOVEMBER 9, 2015

Seeking natural gas price equilibrium

BLOG POST | SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

Former GOP candidate [and Harvard University!] show way on energy

BLOG POST | AUGUST 24, 2015

Obama's natural gas dance

BLOG POST | AUGUST 19, 2015

Daniel Yergin on oil's historic year

BLOG POST | AUGUST 7, 2015

Debate 2015: Where is the energy?

BLOG POST | JULY 17, 2015

US shale and Utica are astounding

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BLOG POST | JUNE 18, 2015

More on Ohio's budget: Less severance

BLOG POST | JUNE 8, 2015

It's June and it's Ohio Budget Time

BLOG POST | MARCH 16, 2015

Can Solar Stay Hot?

BLOG POST | MARCH 10, 2015

Could An Ohio Ballot Initiative Unite Severance Tax Foes?

NEWS | FEBRUARY 11, 2015

Cogeneration Coalition formed to assist in the development of favorable public policy

BLOG POST | JANUARY 27, 2015

Utica in 2015 and the Oil and Gas Severance Tax

EXTERNAL NEWS & PUBLICATIONS

"Utica Shale Production in a Slump, Waiting for Next Boom," *Geauga County Maple Leaf*, March 26, 2015

"How energy projects are driving the national, state and local economies," *Smart Business Magazine*, April 2012

"How to find the best electricity provider to meet your needs," *Smart Business Magazine*, July 2010

"Energy savvy business," *Smart Business Magazine*, August 2009

Events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT | HYATT REGENCY COLUMBUS | JANUARY 25, 2022

2022 Ohio Business Tax Conference

MCDONALD HOPKINS EVENT | WEBCAST ONLY | JUNE 9, 2021

Public Law in Practice - Ohio's New Tool to Fund Erosion Control Projects

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT | FEBRUARY 18, 2021

Ohio Energy Management Conference & Virtual Institute

MCDONALD HOPKINS EVENT | NOVEMBER 21, 2019

A Decade of Shale: Benefits and Challenges for Ohio and Appalachia

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT | REGIONAL LEARNING ALLIANCE | NOVEMBER 27, 2018

2018 TriState Infrastructure Summit

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT | FIFTH THIRD CENTER | APRIL 24, 2018

U.S. Solar Development in a Tariff World

MH WEBCASTS | FIFTH THIRD CENTER | JUNE 27, 2017

Going Solar in Ohio and Beyond

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MH WEBCASTS | FIFTH THIRD CENTER | MAY 22, 2017
LUNCH WITH Ohio State Senator Matt Dolan

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT | NOVEMBER 29, 2016
Shale Update: 2016 Analysis | 2017 Forecast

MH WEBCASTS | FIFTH THIRD CENTER | JUNE 15, 2016
Energy Forum: Oil and gas revisited

MH WEBCASTS | FIFTH THIRD CENTER | DECEMBER 1, 2015
Energy Forum: Shale Update: 2015 analysis | 2016 forecast

MCDONALD HOPKINS EVENT | FIFTH THIRD CENTER | JANUARY 20, 2015
Energy Forum: Utica Outlook 2015

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Moderator, Energy Forum on Natural Gas Vehicles (NGV), June 7, 2012

"State Renewables Policies – Lessons Learned After a Decade of Success," ABA/ACORE Webinar, Moderator,
February 15, 2012

Co-Chair of the monthly ABA/ACORE Webinar Series