



## Michael K. Vennum

OF COUNSEL

Michael is of counsel in the Vorys Pittsburgh office and a member of the finance, energy and real estate group. He is also the Vice President of and title agent for 1909 Title Agency, LLC, the firm's ancillary title business.

His practice encompasses a broad range of real estate, corporate, financing and telecommunications projects. As part of his energy practice, he represents natural gas companies in regional land development matters, including local zoning and permitting challenges, and title review and curative. Michael has successfully obtained land use approvals for well pad sites, central facilities compressors stations, pipelines and metering stations through Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia.

Additionally, he represents cell tower companies, retail office brokers and commercial land developers seeking title review, title insurance, land use approvals and lease negotiations.

Michael has reviewed and negotiated commercial contracts for major real estate developers, commercial retailers and homeowners' associations, including retail lease agreements, master services agreements, HUD-related contracts and general purchase orders. He has performed real estate negotiations related to the purchasing and subleasing of properties for commercial development, and coordinated and led due diligence projects related to mergers and acquisitions of corporate assets.

Further, Michael is an adjunct professor at California University of Pennsylvania, teaching pre-law courses. He is a member of the Energy and Mineral Law Foundation, for whom he has extensively published and presented legal education seminars. He is also the co-author of Law of Oil and Gas in Pennsylvania.

Prior to joining Vorys, Michael was a partner with Burleson LLP. He also served as corporate counsel for Cricket Communications, Inc. and Crown Castle USA, Inc. He is licensed to practice in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia and New York. He received his J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and his B.S. in education from the

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### Practice Areas

Real Estate

### Education

University of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D., 1993

Pennsylvania State University, B.S., 1990

### Bar & Court Admissions

Pennsylvania

Ohio

West Virginia

New York

*Admitted to practice law only in the states listed above.*

### Industries

Energy, Utilities, Oil and Gas

Retail and Consumer Products

Pennsylvania State University.

## Honors & Recognitions

*Pittsburgh Business Times* "Who's Who in Energy" List, 2014-2015

## Professional and Community Activities

Pennsylvania Bar Association, Member, Environmental and Energy Law Section; Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section

Energy and Mineral Law Foundation, Member

Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera, Board of Directors

South Fayette Township Volunteer Fire Department, Member