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Partner

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West Virginia born and raised, Bryon represents clients in mergers and acquisitions, estate planning, commercial real estate, and banking matters.

He has experience with M&A deals around natural resource law, typically reviewing leases, conducting due diligence, and drafting transfer documents. He performs title work for commercial real estate, oil & gas, and coal clients. Clients also come to Bryon for his experience in estate planning.

His love of his home state shows in his dedication to education in the area. Both his parents are in the education field, which has helped shape his passion for education. He has given back by speaking to Upward Bound groups, reading to kindergarten students, and helping to raise money for a playground at a local elementary school.

During law school, Bryon served as a summer clerk at Huddleston Bolen LLP. Prior to law school, he worked as a legislative liaison for the West Virginia Secretary of State Natalie Tennant, participated in the College FED Challenge, and was an intern in the office of U.S. Senator John D. Rockefeller IV.

Services

- Corporate & Transactional
- Private Client & Family Wealth Planning
- Banking & Financial Services
- Mineral Rights
- Real Estate
- Mercantile Title Agency, Inc.

Education

- West Virginia University College of Law (J.D., 2013)

- Marshall University (B.B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2010)

Bar Admissions

- West Virginia
- Ohio

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia

Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*®
 - "Ones to Watch" in Huntington for Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2021-2024)

Experience

Counseled Client Through a \$350 Million Asset Acquisition

We were counsel to a client on a \$350 million-plus acquisition of mining assets and reclamation liabilities in Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia and Tennessee.

Represented an Energy Company During a \$114 Million Acquisition

Counsel to an energy industry-focused private equity firm in connection with its approximately \$114-million acquisition of assets associated with a large metallurgical coal mining operation in southern West Virginia. Our services included deal structure assistance; preparation and negotiation of APA and ancillary conveyance and assignment instruments; real estate/mineral title and regulatory/permitting diligence; and coordination of post-closing permit transfers.

Sale of automobile dealership

We served as counsel in the sale of an automobile dealership and associated real estate, having a combined deal value of approximately \$10 million. Our work included significant negotiations and drafting of all transaction documents, including purchase agreements, assignments, and deeds.

Two separate acquisitions of coal operators out of bankruptcy

We served as counsel for a coal mining company in two separate acquisitions of coal operators out of bankruptcy having a combined deal value of more than \$50 million. Those transactions involved significant coal reserves, coal leases, equipment, coal loadout and processing facilities and permits. Our work included extensive negotiations, due diligence, and drafting numerous documents to close both transactions, including purchase agreements, assignments, royalty agreements, deeds, leases, security agreements, mortgages and various court filings.

Counsel to surviving coal mining company in merger

We served as counsel for the surviving company in the merger of two coal mining companies, having a total deal value in excess of \$50 million. Our work included several months of due diligence review of numerous deeds and leases and other items and drafting of all documents in connection with the merger.

Counsel to coal mining company in back-to-back equity purchase and sale

We served as counsel in a back-to-back purchase and sale of a 100% equity interest in a company valued at approximately \$35 million.

Counsel in acquisition of equity interest in coal mining company

We served as counsel in the acquisition of a 100% equity interest in a coal mining company, having a deal value of approximately \$10 million. Our work included due diligence review and drafting of all transaction documents.

Counsel in acquisition of coal mining operations

We served as counsel in the acquisition of various coal leases, equipment, and permits having a combined deal value of more than \$30 million. Our work included due diligence review and drafting numerous transaction documents, including a purchase agreement, assignment, royalty agreement, and lease.

Counsel in acquisitions of coal mining operations

We served as counsel in the acquisition of significant coal mining reserves in Eastern Kentucky, leases, equipment, facilities, and permits having a combined deal value of more than \$20 million. Our work included due diligence review and drafting of all transaction documents.