Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Law

Primary Sources:

Statutes (the laws):
- *Purdon’s Pennsylvania Statutes, Annotated.* Title 58, §1 et seq., Oil and Gas; (available in print in Main Reading Room and online via Westlaw)
- *Pennsylvania Statutes, Annotated by LexisNexis.* Title 58, Oil and Gas; (available online via Lexis Advance)
- *Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes* Title 58 §3201 et seq., Oil and Gas; (available in print in Main Reading Room and online via Lexis Advance and Westlaw)

Administrative Codes and Regulations:
- *Pennsylvania Code.* See Index: “Drilling of Wells”, “Gas Wells”, “Oil Franchise Tax”, “Oil and Gas”, and “Oil Wells”. (available in print in Main Reading Room and online via Lexis Advance and Westlaw as well as the free Pennsylvania Code Online website [https://www.pacode.com/](https://www.pacode.com/))
- *Pennsylvania Bulletin.* (available in print in Main Reading Room and online via Lexis Advance and Westlaw)

Rules:
- *Pennsylvania Rules of Court.*
  - *Goodrich Amram 2d.* See Index “Oil and Gas”. (KFP530.G6. available in print in Main Reading Room and online via Westlaw)

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Digest:
- *West’s Pennsylvania Digest 2d.* Vol. 30 Gas. (KFP57.W47 available in print in Main Reading Room)

Encyclopedias:
- *Pennsylvania Law Encyclopedia, 2d.* Vols. (KFP65.P42 located in print in Main Reading Room and available online via Lexis Advance)
- *Standard Pennsylvania Practice 2d.* Look in Index under “Employer & Employee” and “Labor and Labor Relation”. (KFP530.S7 located in print in Main Reading Room)
- *Summary of Pennsylvania Jurisprudence 2d.* Vol. 19-21A Employment & Labor Relations. (KFP65.L42 located in print in Main Reading Room)
Citators:

*Shepard’s Pennsylvania Citations* (available in print in Main Reading Room and online via Lexis Advance)
*KeyCite* (available online via Westlaw)

Forms:

*Dunlap-Hanna Pennsylvania Forms* (KFP68.D83 available in print in Main Reading Room and online via Lexis Advance)
*West’s Pennsylvania Forms.* (KFP68.W48 available in print in Main Reading Room and online via Westlaw)

Introductory Resources:


Treatises (2010 or newer):

*Advanced mineral title examination for attorneys.* PBI. (KFP258.A1A78 2017 located in the Main Reading Room)
*Annual oil & gas law colloquium.* PBI 1st-9th, 2009-2017. (KFP258.L4O45 located in the Main Reading Room)
*The attorney’s guide to the oil and gas lease.* PBI (KFP258.L4A88 2015 located in the Main Reading Room)
*Deciphering Pennsylvania oil & gas leases: litigation, regulation & interpretation.* PBI (KFP258.L4D43 2015 located in the Main Reading Room)
*The environment and natural gas development: various approaches to uncertainty and decision-making.* PBI (KFP258.A1E58 2012 located in the Main Reading Room)
*The environmental impacts of hydraulic fracturing: dispelling the myths.* PBI (KFP258.A1E59 2013 located in the Main Reading Room)
*Fracking law: from land contract negotiations to environmental disputes.* NBI 2012-2014. (KFP258.L4F73 located in the Main Reading Room)
*Fundamentals of oil and gas law.* PBI 2012 &I 2015 (KFP258.L4F86 located in the Main Reading Room)
*Hot topics in oil and gas law.* PBI 2010-2015. (KFP258.A1H66 located in the Main Reading Room)
*The law of oil and gas in Pennsylvania.* PBI 2014 & 2016. (KFP258.A1L39 located in the Main Reading Room)
*The legal issues surrounding pipeline and right-of-way agreements in Marcellus Shale region.* PBI. (KFP258.A1L44 2016 located in the Main Reading Room)
*Municipal & DEP issues in oil & gas law.* PBI (KFP258.A1M85 2017 located in the Main Reading Room)
*Oil and gas rights* Prepared by Robert Arnold, Kirk B. Burkley, Jonathan M. Kamin & Kit F. Pettit. Lorman Education Services (KFP258.A1O44 2013 located in the Main Reading Room)
*Oil and gas taxation issues in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia.* By Ronald T. Aulbach. Lorman Education Services (KFP258.A1O46 2013 located in the Main Reading Room)
*Oil and gas title law A-Z.* NBI 2014 & 2016 (KFP258.A1O55 located in the Main Reading Room)
*Pennsylvania oil and gas law and practice.* By James W. Adams, Jr. 2nd revised ed. (KFP258.A1A7322 located in the Main Reading Room)
Oil and Gas Law in the United States is the branch of law that pertains to the acquisition and ownership rights in oil and gas both under the soil before discovery and after its capture, and adjudication regarding those rights. Includes explanations, articles and organizations pertaining to oil and gas law.

General - Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Laws, Regulations and Guidelines (Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection)
Oil and gas exploration is regulated under the state's oil and gas laws (Oil and Gas Act, Coal and Gas Resource Coordination Act, and Oil and Gas Conservation Law) and the environmental protection laws that include the Clean Streams Law, the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act, the Solid Waste Management Act, the Water Resources Planning Act and the Community Right to Know Act. Also included in this website is links to other related information.

Oil and Gas Regulations (Pennsylvania Independent Oil and Gas Association)
A tremendous variety of permits and plan approvals are required for oil and gas wells in Pennsylvania to ensure protection of the environment and public health and safety. The process of obtaining the necessary approvals starts long before a well is drilled and continues until the day the well is properly plugged and abandoned. Unconventional wells targeting shale formations are subject to the largest number of permits and plans.


Act 13

A short article on how Act 13 has impacted the oil and gas law

While many key provisions of Act 13 have now been struck down by the Supreme Court’s two Robinson decisions, much of the Act remains.

Oil and Gas Leases

Landowners and Oil and Gas Leases in Pennsylvania Fact Sheet (Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Environmental Protection)
file:///C:/Users/horvath/Downloads/10_0901_NaturalGasFAQ%20(3).pdf
Answers to questions frequently asked by landowners about oil and gas leases and drilling

Rule of Capture

The PowerPoint slides from the presentation on this topic which will give you an overview of the rule of capture.
Blogs

Oil and Gas Lawyer Blog [https://www.oilandgaslawyerblog.com/](https://www.oilandgaslawyerblog.com/)
Published by Oil Gas and Mineral Law Attorney — Oil and Gas Lease Lawyer — John McFarland.

Provides timely legal and business information on issues impacting the energy industry and specifically natural gas development, as well as articles published by the attorneys of Babst Calland.

An update on environmental issues in Pennsylvania edited by David E. Hess, former secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.