

Charles G. O'Hara

Of Counsel



Charles G. O'Hara's practice is devoted primarily to oil and gas transactions, corporate transactions and healthcare law. Charley's experience in the natural resources law area includes oil and natural gas projects, electric generation projects, waste disposal projects and commercial finance transactions. His oil and gas transactional experience includes negotiation and documentation of acquisitions of blocks of oil and gas leases for exploration purposes and for development of a natural gas storage project, as well as negotiation of oil and gas leases, joint operating agreements, drilling program agreements and other instruments used in exploration activities. For several years, Charley was in-house General Counsel to an oil and gas exploration company. In his corporate practice, Charley has represented clients in various acquisition and divestiture transactions. Prior to attending law school, Charley served four years aboard destroyers in the U.S. Navy. In law school, Charley was editor-in-chief of the University of Pittsburgh Law Review.

Experiences

Oil and Gas Exploration

- Represented oil and gas exploration company regarding formation of well-drilling programs.
- Represented financial institutions as lender to exploration companies.
- Represented mineral owners for oil and gas lease negotiations.
- Represented oil and gas exploration company regarding acquisition of leasehold interests for Marcellus Shale exploration.
- Represented the operator in an acquisition of storage rights from oil and gas leases in order to develop a natural gas storage field.

Disposal Service and Facilities Experience

- Negotiated MSW Disposal Service Agreements and other project documents for owner of waste to energy (WTE) facilities.
- Negotiated amendments to MSW Disposal Service Agreements for WTE facilities.
- Participated in settlement of multi-party dispute regarding interpretation of MSW Disposal Service Agreement.
- Represented owner of WTE facilities in the sale of the facilities.
- Participated in preparing responses to RFPs for construction and operation of WTE facilities.
- Provided legal advice and contract drafting for day to day operational issues for WTE facilities.

Corporate Transactions

- Represented physician parties in corporate split-ups.
- Represented parties in sales of medical practices to hospitals and in divestitures of medical practices from hospitals.
- Represented nephrology clinics in a merger into a publically traded company.
- Represented major corporation in various acquisition and divestiture transactions involving developing technology.
- Represented major corporation in acquisitions and divestitures of electric power generating projects.
- Represented corporation in divestiture of a wholesale sales division in an LBO transaction.
- Represented borrowers in tax-exempt bond financings.
- Represented hospital in merger transaction.
- Represented non-profit hospital in conversion to for-profit status.
- Negotiated MSW Disposal Service Agreements and other project documents for owner of waste to energy (WTE) facilities. Health Care Law.

Health Care Law

- Negotiation of physician Employment Agreements.
- Representation of managed care plan.
- Representation of medical billing companies.
- Representation of rehabilitation entities.
- Provide advice on regulatory compliance matters.

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Education

J.D., cum laude, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

B.A., Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania, Political Science

State Bar Licenses

Pennsylvania

Court Admissions

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

U.S. District Ct., W.D. of Pennsylvania

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- Representation of medical staffs and hospitals on amendments to medical staff bylaws.
 - Formation of joint ventures among physicians.
 - Formation of joint ventures between hospitals and physicians.
 - Formation of and counsel to medical professional corporations.
 - Negotiation of shareholder agreements.

Not-For-Profit Organizations

- Corporate formation of non-profit entities.
- Represented corporations regarding obtaining §501(c)(3) status.
- Documented corporate reorganizations for affiliated corporations.
- Drafted and revised corporate bylaws.

Publications / Presentations

- "HIPAA Privacy Standards and University Athletic Departments," College Athletic Trainers' Society Newsletter, Spring 2003.
- "Surgery and the Search for Evidence: United States v. Crowder," 37 University of Pittsburgh Law Review 429(1975).
- Speaker at local and regional conferences on healthcare issues.

Practices, Industries & Services

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