ATTORNEY

JOB DESCRIPTION

Attorneys in the natural gas and crude oil industry are involved in a wide range of legal services. They provide legal guidance to the executive staff on all matters that affect a company, organization or agency. Energy Attorneys help manage environmental and regulatory compliance, risk management, contracts, lease and mineral right negotiations, as well as many other areas to ensure compliance with all current laws. They may also be involved in litigation or settlements in potential lawsuits. Many attorneys specialize in a specific area of expertise.

EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Juris Doctorate Degree (also known as a JD Degree or Law Degree) along with a specific State Bar License. It may take seven years or more to complete your education, and many aspiring Attorneys will begin in an apprenticeship program, called a clerkship, and work under the guidance of an established attorney or law firm.

EDUCATION & TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Capital University
1 College and Main, Columbus, Ohio 43209
614-236-6011
www.capital.edu

Case Western Reserve University
10900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44106
216-368-2000
www.case.edu

Ohio Northern University
525 South Main Street, Ada, Ohio 45810
419-772-2000
www.onu.edu

Ohio State University, The
281 W. Lane Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43210
614-292-6446
www.osu.edu

University of Akron, The
302 Buchtel Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44325
330-972-7111
www.uakron.edu

University of Cincinnati
2600 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45221
513-556-0000
www.uc.edu

University of Dayton
300 College Park, Dayton, Ohio 45469
937-229-1000
www.udayton.edu
Did you know that the natural gas and crude oil industry offers more than 75 different challenging and rewarding career opportunities? In fact, in 2011, there were approximately 14,000 people employed in the exploration and production segment of our industry, and today, that number has rapidly grown to nearly 200,000. As energy demands continue to increase, so does the need for qualified workers that will help drive production forward.

Ohio’s first wells were drilled just prior to the Civil War, and our state now ranks fourth in the nation in the number of natural gas and crude oil wells drilled – 275,000 – behind only Texas, Oklahoma, and Pennsylvania. Currently, Ohio has over 50,000 wells, and advancements in technology have made it possible for these natural resources to be produced safely and economically.

Thanks to the industry’s innovation, we continue to provide energy and petrochemical products to our local homes, schools, farms, churches, municipalities, and businesses across the state, region and country. As the Ohio’s energy supply adds to the national supply, our resources are helping us become less dependent from foreign supplies. By 2020, just the Utica and Marcellus Shales located in Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia are projected to account for 35% of all U.S. natural gas production, making our region an industry leader.

In addition to energy supplies, products such as synthetic fabric, cosmetics, sporting equipment, toys, toothbrushes, inks, computers, paints and many lifesaving products such as medicines, artificial hearts and even prosthetics are all made from petroleum. With the average person using around 3 gallons of petrochemical related products each day, it is easy to see why the crude oil and natural gas industry is persistently in need of a well trained workforce.