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James M. "Matt" Davis is a Member of the Business Law practice group and the Energy and Oil & Gas industry groups. He practices out of the Firm's office in Charleston, West Virginia.

Matt's practice focuses on business litigation, mineral acquisitions and sales, and general commercial transactions. A former Assistant United States Attorney, Matt prosecuted over forty criminal cases in the Southern District of West Virginia. He has handled numerous civil matters as well, serving as lead counsel in partition actions, condemnations, and civil actions involving trespass and quiet title claims. Matt has also represented a number of public utilities, public service districts, and motor carriers in rate and certification cases before the Public Service Commission of West Virginia.

Matt is a former Marine Corps Captain, a 1999 graduate of Emory & Henry College, and a 2008 graduate of the West Virginia University College of Law.

Work History

- Jackson Kelly PLLC (2019-Present)
- United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of West Virginia, Assistant United States Attorney (2017-2019)
- Jackson Kelly PLLC, Associate (2011-2017)
- Lane & Young, Associate (2011)
- Jackson Kelly PLLC, Associate (2008-2011)
- Jackson Kelly PLLC, Summer Associate (2007)
- Jackson Kelly PLLC, Summer Associate (2006)

Practices

- Business Law

Industries

- Energy
- Oil & Gas

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Education

- West Virginia University College of Law (J.D., 2008)
 - *West Virginia Law Review* (2007-2008)

- Emory & Henry College (B.A. in Political Science, 1999)

Admissions

- West Virginia (2008)
- West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals (2008)
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of West Virginia (2017)
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit (2017)

Professional Organizations

- West Virginia State Bar Association
- Kanawha County Bar Association

Military Experience

- United States Marine Corps, Lieutenant/Captain (1999-2005)

Speaking Engagements & Publications

Writings and Publications

- Author, "Say What? The Resolution of Ambiguous Written Agreements in West Virginia," *W. Va. L. Rev.'s Energy Issue* (Spring 2014)
- Article, "A Knife in a Gunfight: the Inadequate Protection Provided to West Virginia's Foster Children by Statutory and Common Law," 111 *W. Va. L. Rev.* 979 (Spring 2009)

Community

- Covenant House, Board of Directors (2011-2016)