

***Overview of Marcellus Shale Development in the Appalachian Basin  
“Bringing New-Age Technology to an Age-Old Formation”***

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## **Biography**

George Mason is the principal of A. George Mason, Jr., PSC, a law firm located in Lexington, KY, specializing in representing companies & individuals who want to develop oil, gas, coal, coalbed methane (CBM) and Marcellus and Utica Shale properties.

As an acknowledged authority on CBM legislation and regulations, George was involved in negotiating and drafting the 1990 Virginia Gas & Oil Act and its CBM provisions, West Virginia's 1994 CBM legislation and regulations, and Section 1339 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (EPACT), entitled "Ownership of Coalbed Methane." George was a member of the Kentucky CBM Legal Committee, which negotiated and drafted Kentucky's CBM statute (KRS §349) and regulations (805 KAR 9).

Before entering law school, George served active duty tours with the U.S. Army Special Forces (Airborne) and the 101st Airborne Division ("Screaming Eagles"). He retired from the U.S. Army Reserve with the rank of Colonel.

George received his B.A. and J.D. from the University of Kentucky, where he was a member of the Law Journal. He is licensed to practice law in Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. He served as the Assistant General Counsel of Massey Energy Company and, prior to that, was the Vice President and General Counsel of Equitable Production Company, before starting his own firm.

George is a Trustee of the Energy & Mineral Law Foundation and a member of the American Association of Professional Landmen and the Appalachian Association of Professional Landmen.

George, his wife Donna, their son Griffin, reside in Lexington, Kentucky.