

## Keller Quoted in Akron *Beacon Journal* Story Titled “Justices Weigh Munroe Falls Drilling Dispute”

NEWS | 2.27.2014

John Keller, a partner in the Vorys Columbus office and a member of the energy subgroup, was quoted in an Akron *Beacon Journal* story regarding the arguments held before the Ohio Supreme Court in a case regarding the state’s authority to regulate oil and gas drilling. According to the story, the key issue is whether zoning rules that communities enact under home rule are superseded by Ohio law that gives the state exclusive rights to regulate gas and oil drilling.

### The story states:

*“Columbus-based attorney John K. Keller of Vorys Sater Seymour & Pease, who represented Beck Energy, said Ohio has a uniform regulatory approach to drilling by giving all authority to ODNR and avoiding localized rules.*

*In its court filings, the company said that Ohio’s 2004 law was intended ‘to end the confusion, inefficiency and delays under the earlier patchwork of local ordinances, and to ensure that Ohio’s oil and gas resources are developed on a uniform statewide basis.’”*

To read the entire story, visit the Akron *Beacon Journal* [website](#).