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Watt Quoted on Vorys' Oil and Gas Practice in Cleveland *Plain Dealer*

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Kristin Watt, a partner in the Vorys Columbus office and chair of the firm's environmental group, was quoted in a Cleveland *Plain Dealer* story titled "Shale gas lawyers in big demand in Ohio." The story highlighted the expanding amount of legal work in Ohio focused on shale development and hydraulic fracturing.

The story states:

"Kristin Watt, chair of the energy and environmental group at Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, will give a session on fracking at a bar seminar in April.

'I want to explain to people how broad and diverse the issues are, including economic incentives, road repair, real estate,' Watt said. 'You've got industries bringing, according to some, between 40,000 and 200,000 employees into the state. Who's going to handle all the workers' comp on that?'

Vorys, Sater has 30 lawyers servicing shale clients, a fourfold increase in 18 months. Watt said she is a 'niche player' focused on the impact on water quality, erosion control and wetlands."

To read the entire story, please visit the Cleveland *Plain Dealer* [website](#).