PATRICK S. NICHOLAS

Mr. Nicholas began his career in the energy business in 1981 as a petroleum landman with Allegheny Land and Mineral Company of Clarksburg, WV. Through his 37-year career he has had the opportunity to experience all phases of the business to include lease take-offs, ROW acquisition, title research, lease acquisition, abstracting, title review and curative, due diligence and negotiate joint operating agreements, joint venture agreements, etc. During this time Mr. Nicholas managed numerous related projects. These diverse experiences qualifies him to understand the needs of each client and effectively bring each project to a successful conclusion.

Mr. Nicholas most recently worked for EQT Production Company, CNX Land Resources and Dominion Exploration & Production, Inc. He is a Certified Professional Landman and is a member of the American Association of Professional Landmen (AAPL) and the Michael Late Benedum Chapter of the AAPL. He resides in Clarksburg, WV with his wife Rose and daughter Taylor.

Mr. Nicholas has shown integrity, honesty, and grace throughout his career. He cares not only for the landowners and the image of the industry; he cares deeply for his peers and staff. Mr. Nicholas gives to his community and contributes more than people realize to the industry. I believe he would be an excellent candidate for the Lifetime achievement award.