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The Supreme Court of Ohio

Chesapeake Exploration, L.L.C., et al.

Case No. 2014-0067

v.

ENTRY

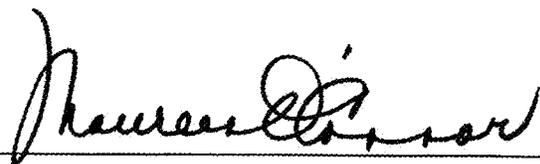
Kenneth Buell et al.

This cause, here on the certification of a state law question from the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, was considered in the manner prescribed by law. Upon review pursuant to S.Ct.Prac.R. 9.05, the court will answer the following questions:

- (1) Is the recorded lease of a severed subsurface mineral estate a title transaction under the ODMA, Ohio Revised Code 5301.56(5)(3)(a)?
- (2) Is the expiration of a recorded lease and the reversion of the rights granted under that lease a title transaction that restarts the twenty-year forfeiture clock under the ODMA at the time of the reversion?

It is ordered by the court that petitioners shall file their merit brief within 40 days of the date of this entry and the parties shall otherwise proceed in accordance with S.Ct.Prac.R. 16.02 – 16.04; and S.Ct.Prac.R. 9.07.

(U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Eastern Division; No. 2:12-CV-916)



Maureen O'Connor
Chief Justice