

Bean Named Senior Counsel for Peabody Energy

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Peabody Energy today announced that Joseph W. Bean has been named senior counsel, reporting to Jeffery L. Klinger, vice president legal services. Bean will provide legal counsel for business development, corporate, finance and securities law matters.

Bean has 14 years of corporate law experience, and most recently was counsel and assistant corporate secretary for The Quaker Oats Company in Chicago. He also served as an associate with Mayer, Brown & Platt in Chicago and Thompson & Mitchell in St. Louis, as well as assistant general counsel for Pet Incorporated in St. Louis.

Bean holds a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Illinois and a Juris Doctorate from Northwestern University School of Law.

Peabody Energy is the world's largest private-sector coal company. Its coal products fuel more than 9 percent of all U.S. electricity generation and 2.5 percent of worldwide electricity generation.

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