

**2010 Essential Administrative and Environmental Law for Energy Projects**  
**November 18, 2010 • Thompson Conference Center • Austin, TX**  
**December 1, 2010 • Norris Conference Center - CityCentre • Houston, TX**

**Day 1 Morning**

8:00 am In Austin Only	<b>Registration Opens</b>  Includes continental breakfast.
8:45 am In Austin Only	<b>Welcoming Remarks</b>
9:00 am 0.75 hr	<b>Overview: How Can They Make Me Do That?</b>  This session provides an overview of the basic structure of federal and state administrative and environmental law as it applies to the energy sector. It includes an explanation of the federal delegation of regulatory authority to state agencies, the role of administrative agencies, the promulgation of rules and regulations, and judicial review of administrative decisions. The session also covers the importance of informal agency rules and policy statements with examples of the weight and deference given to informal rules by the courts.  Melinda E. Taylor, The University of Texas School of Law - Austin, TX
In Austin Only	<b>Framework for the Environmental Regulation of E&amp;P, Midstream and Downstream Activities, and Power Generation</b>
9:45 am 0.33 hr	<b>Environmental Federalism: Background and Overview</b>  In Austin: Jeff Civins, Haynes and Boone, LLP - Austin, TX In Houston: James D. Braddock, Haynes and Boone, LLP - Austin, TX Mary S. Mendoza, Haynes and Boone, LLP - Austin, TX
10:05 am 0.58 hr	<b>Federal Environmental Framework for Energy Projects</b>  An overview of the federal regulatory framework of agencies involved at each step of energy exploration and production (E&P), gathering, transport, processing, power generation and distribution. Agencies include the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC); Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); Department of Energy (DOE); Department of the Interior (DOI) including the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE)—formerly the Minerals Management Service (MMS)—and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.  Mary S. Mendoza, Haynes and Boone, LLP - Austin, TX
10:40 am In Austin Only	<b>Break</b>

10:55 am 0.58 hr	<p><b>State Environmental Framework for Energy Projects</b></p> <p>An overview of state jurisdiction and Texas regulatory frameworks involving energy production, gathering and distribution, and power generation, including the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Railroad Commission (RRC), Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), General Land Office (GLO) and the Public Utility Commission (PUC).</p> <p>James D. Braddock, Haynes and Boone, LLP - Austin, TX</p>
11:30 am 0.50 hr	<p><b>Playing to Win and Planning the End Game: The Critical Role of Process, Procedural Options, Forum Selection and Appeals to State and Federal Levels</b></p> <p>What do you do to ensure your client gets where they need to go? A discussion of why procedure is so important: tips, pitfalls and strategies for winning the end game.</p> <p>Pamela M. Giblin, Baker Botts L.L.P. - Austin, TX</p>

## Day 1 Afternoon

12:00 pm In Austin Only	<p><b>LUNCHEON PRESENTATION</b></p> <p>Pick up Box Lunch</p> <p>Included in conference registration fee.</p>
12:15 pm 0.75 hr ethics	<p><b>Ethics: Conflicts, Duties to Disclose, Ex Parte Communications and Other Ethical Issues Facing Environmental and Energy Lawyers</b></p> <p>In Austin: Commentator: Jeff Civins, Haynes and Boone, LLP - Austin, TX In Houston: Jerald Grimes Molleston Jr., State Bar Of Texas - Houston, TX</p>
1:00 pm In Austin Only	<p><b>Break</b></p>
1:15 pm 0.50 hr	<p><b>The Role of Contested Case Hearings: Strategies, Process and Consequences</b></p> <p>A review of the administrative contested case hearing process established under Texas Government Code Section 2001, including pre-hearing procedures, written and oral discovery, presentation of evidence before an administrative law judge, post-hearing arguments, motions for rehearing and judicial appeals of final agency orders.</p> <p>Kenneth R. Ramirez, Brown McCarroll - Austin, TX</p>
1:45 pm 0.75 hr	<p><b>Case Study: E&amp;P and Midstream Operations</b></p> <p>An examination of the special issues and real-world challenges—including compliance, permitting and rulemaking—for E&amp;P and midstream operations, including the critical role of technical experts in this process.</p> <p>G. Gail Watkins, Fulbright &amp; Jaworski L.L.P. - Houston, TX</p>

2:30 pm 0.75 hr	<p><b>Case Study: Refineries and Downstream Operations</b></p> <p>Special issues (e.g. flex permits) involved in refineries and downstream operations. Learn how a leading refinery operator is navigating today's challenging regulatory environment—including pitfalls, tips and best practices.</p> <p>In Austin: Deepak Garg, Valero Energy Corporation - San Antonio, TX Richard Joe Walsh, Valero Energy - San Antonio, TX</p> <p>In Houston: Parker Wilson, Valero Energy Corp - San Antonio, TX Deepak Garg, Valero Energy Corporation - San Antonio, TX</p>
3:15 pm In Austin Only	<b>Break</b>
3:30 pm 0.75 hr	<p><b>Business and Legal Case Study: Conventional and Renewable Generation</b></p> <p>Legal, economic and operational issues associated with the development of conventional and renewable generation.</p> <p>Marianne Carroll, Brown McCarroll, L.L.P. - Austin, TX Robert Helton, International Power America Inc. - Austin, TX</p>
4:15 pm 0.50 hr	<p><b>Case Study: Transmission</b></p> <p>From integrating renewables to making the grid smarter and more efficient, Texas is spending billions to upgrade its electric transmission infrastructure. This session explains how ERCOT, the PUC and other key players work together to keep these projects moving.</p> <p>Michael G. Grable, Lone Star Transmission, LLC - Austin, TX</p>
4:45 pm 0.50 hr	<b>Structured Q&amp;A</b>
5:15 pm In Austin Only	<b>Adjourn</b>