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FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 1, 2005

Presiding Officer:
Jesse R. Pierce, Houston

7:30 a.m. Registration Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

8:20 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

8:30 a.m. 1.00 hr

Case Law Update

A review of recent decisions dealing with oil and gas leases, royalties, mineral conveyances, joint operating agreements, state regulation and related topics.

Ernest E. Smith, Austin

9:30 a.m. .75 hr

All for One and One for All? Pooling and Unitization in Texas

A primer on pooling and unitization in Texas, including lease and regulatory considerations, case law, good v. bad faith concerns, and the Mineral Interest Pooling Act.

Carroll G. Martin, Austin
 Coauthor: D. Davin McGinnis, Austin

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. .75 hr

Litigation Issues Spawned by *Arco v. Marshall*

A look-back at the *Arco v. Marshall* case from a litigation perspective, and an analysis of resulting issues.

Clay Barton, Austin
 Sky Andrew Scherer, Austin

11:15 a.m. .75 hr

Gas Balancing in an Unbalanced World

A review of the principles of gas balancing and their application in today's marketing environment.

Edward B. Poitevent, Houston

12:00 p.m. Pick Up Box Lunch

Included in registration fee.

12:15 p.m. .50 hr

Box Lunch Presentation: Recent Advances in Exploration and Engineering Technology

A look at recent advances in exploration and engineering technology and their impacts on the oil and gas industry.

Michael S. Bahorich, Houston

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

12:45 p.m. Break

1:00 p.m. .50 hr

The Intersection of FERC and the MMS in Offshore Production, Gathering, Handling and Transportation

A review of jurisdictional and regulatory issues confronting the offshore operator.

Albert S. Tabor, Jr., Houston

1:30 p.m. .50 hr

Where One Size Doesn't Fit All: Contrasting the Methane Gas Lease, Wind Lease, and Oil and Gas Lease

A look at the similarities and differences in the key provisions of the methane gas lease, wind lease, and traditional oil and gas lease.

Lisa Chavarria, Austin

2:00 p.m. .50 hr

The Uncertainties of Reserves Calculation

A look at the engineering, regulatory and practical aspects of oil and gas reserves calculation.

C.H. (Scott) Rees, III, Dallas

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Joint Operations After the Honeymoon Is Over

A look at the necessary, but often taken for granted, communications between the parties after the operating agreement is negotiated and signed, including contractual, practical and strategic considerations affecting notices and responses involving operations, sales and transfers, and acquisitions.

Michel E. Curry, Midland

3:00 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. .50 hr

I've Got You Covered: Insurance and Bonding of Oilpatch Liabilities

An overview of insurance and bonding devices available to secure oilpatch liabilities such as plugging, abandonment and environmental remediation, including related contract drafting considerations.

Robert Bobo, Houston

3:45 p.m. .50 hr

Fort Worth Rocks! Welcome to the Barnett Shale

A look at the legal, regulatory and practical issues of the Barnett Shale play.

William G. Bredthauer, Ft. Worth

4:15 p.m. .50 hr

Lien on Me: Mechanic's and Materialman's Liens

An overview of mechanic's and materialman's liens, including their perfection, maintenance and foreclosure, and related title standards and considerations.

Debra J. Villarreal, Dallas

4:45 p.m. Adjourn

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The University of Texas School of Law and the Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas are proud to announce the 31st Annual Ernest E. Smith Oil, Gas and Mineral Law Institute. This longstanding institute again features a slate of outstanding speakers and varied topics in the oil, gas and mineral law area, anchored by the annual case law update provided by the program's namesake, Professor Ernest E. Smith. Like prior institutes, this year's program covers, in one focused day, a mix of traditional subjects (such as unitization, litigation, joint operations, gas balancing and liens), recent developments (such as methane gas and wind leasing, and agency jurisdiction) and matters of interest to the broader oil and gas industry (such as reserves calculation, the Barnett Shale play and recent advances in exploration and production technology). It is designed to be of interest to lawyers, landmen and other land and energy professionals.

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Parking: \$12 self-parking; \$22 valet

KEY DATES

Registration and Cancellation

March 23, 2005, 5 p.m.

• **last day for early registration**

add \$50 for registrations received after this time

March 25, 2005, 5 p.m.

• **last day for full refund**

March 28, 2005, 5 p.m.

• **last day for partial refunds**

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April 1, 2005, 8:30 a.m.

• **conference begins**

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