

# 2005 Ernest E. Smith Oil, Gas & Mineral Law Institute

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### Friday Morning, Apr. 1, 2005

#### Presiding Officer:

**Jesse R. Pierce**, King & Spalding LLP - Houston, TX

8:30 am 1.00 hr	<b>Case Law Update</b>  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 III, University Of Texas School Of Law - Campus Mail, D1800, TX
9:30 am 0.75 hr	<b>All for One and One for All? Pooling and Unitization in Texas</b>  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, Scott Douglass & McConnico - Austin, TX
10:30 am 0.75 hr	<b>Litigation Issues Spawned by <i>Arco v. Marshall</i></b>  A look-back at the <i>Arco v. Marshall</i> case from a litigation perspective, and an analysis of resulting issues.  Clay Barton, McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P. - Austin, TX Sky Andrew Scherer, McGinnis Lochridge & Kilgore LLP - Austin, TX
11:15 am 0.75 hr	<b>Gas Balancing in an Unbalanced World</b>  A review of the principles of gas balancing and their application in today's marketing environment.  Sheila R. Tweed, Kinder Morgan - Houston, TX

### Friday Afternoon, Apr. 1, 2005

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12:15 pm 0.50 hr	<b>Recent Advances in Exploration and Engineering Technology</b>  A look at recent advances in exploration and engineering technology and their impacts on the oil and gas industry.  Michael S. Bahorich, Apache Corporation - Houston, TX
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1:00 pm 0.50 hr	<p><b>The Intersection of FERC and MMS in Offshore Production, Gathering, Handling and Transportation</b></p> <p>A review of jurisdictional and regulatory issues confronting the offshore operator.</p> <p>Susan M. Schwager, Vinson &amp; Elkins LLP - Houston, TX</p>
1:30 pm 0.50 hr	<p><b>Where One Size Doesn't Fit All: Constrasting the Methane Gas Lease, Wind Lease, and Oil and Gas Lease</b></p> <p>A look at the similarities and differences in the key provisions of the methane gas lease, wind lease, and traditional oil and gas lease.</p> <p>Lisa Chavarria, Stahl, Bernal &amp; Davies, L.L.P. - Austin, TX</p>
2:00 pm 0.50 hr	<p><b>The Uncertainties of Reserves Calculation</b></p> <p>A look at the engineering, regulatory and practical aspects of oil and gas reserves calculation.</p> <p>C.H. (Scott) Rees III, Netherland, Sewell &amp; Associates, Inc. - Dallas, TX</p>
2:30 pm 0.50 hr	<p><b>Joint Operations after the Honeymoon is Over</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Michel E. Curry, Cotton, Bledsoe, Tighe &amp; Dawson, P.C. - Midland, TX</p>
3:15 pm 0.50 hr	<p><b>I've Got You Covered: Insurance and Bonding of Oilpatch Liabilities</b></p> <p>An overview of insurance and bonding devices available to secure oilpatch liabilities such as plugging, abandonment and environmental remediation, including related contract drafting considerations.</p> <p>Robert Bobo, Lockton Companies of Houston - Houston, TX</p>
3:45 pm 0.50 hr	<p><b>Fort Worth Rocks! Welcome to the Barnett Shale</b></p> <p>A look at the legal, regulatory and practical issues of the Barnett Shale play.</p> <p>William G. Bredthauer, Harris, Finley &amp; Bogle, P.C. - Fort Worth, TX</p>
4:15 pm 0.50 hr	<p><b>Lien on Me: Mechanic's and Materialman's Liens</b></p> <p>An overview of mechanic's and materialman's liens, including their perfection, maintenance and foreclosure, and related title standards and considerations.</p> <p>Debra J. Villarreal, Thompson &amp; Knight LLP - Dallas, TX</p>