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<p>Presiding Officer: Roderick E. Wetsel, Sweetwater</p> <hr/> <p>8:00 a.m. Registration Opens Includes continental breakfast.</p> <hr/> <p>8:30 a.m. Welcoming Remarks</p> <hr/> <p>8:45 a.m. Case Law Update 1.00 hr A review of recent decisions dealing with oil and gas leases, royalties, mineral conveyances, joint operating agreements, state regulation, and related topics. Prof. Ernest E. Smith, Austin</p> <hr/> <p>9:45 a.m. AMI Agreements .50 hr A review of Texas jurisprudence on the construction and enforcement of AMI agreements, and an examination of problems arising from the existence of AMI agreements that have not yet been addressed by the courts. Practical defensive drafting guide for the preparation of AMI agreements. Allen D. Cummings, Houston</p> <hr/> <p>10:15 a.m. Break</p> <hr/> <p>10:25 a.m. Recent Developments in the Wind Industry .50 hr A discussion of recent developments in the wind industry with a focus on the status of transmission constraints and changes to the Texas Renewable Portfolio Standard. Lisa Chavarria, Austin</p> <hr/> <p>10:55 a.m. Development of a Wind Project .50 hr Legal issues from a developer's perspective. Steven K. DeWolf, Dallas</p> <hr/> <p>11:25 a.m. Recent Developments at the Railroad Commission and General Land Office .50 hr An overview of recent rulings, programs, and developments at these agencies that impact the energy industry. H. Philip (Flip) Whitworth, Jr., Austin</p>	<p>11:55 a.m. Pick Up Box Lunch Included in registration fee.</p> <hr/> <p>12:05 p.m. Responding to Oil Field Crises .50 hr This session will address operational, regulatory, and practical considerations in responding to oilfield crises in light of the challenges presented by the recent hurricane season. Robert H. Bemis, Houston</p>	<p>3:15 p.m. Oil and Gas Financing, "How it Works" .50 hr A discussion and comparison of various financing structures for oil & gas assets, with description of selected issues. James W. McKellar, Dallas</p> <hr/> <p>3:45 p.m. The Force Majeure Provision: Faux Stipulation? .50 hr This session will address the nature of force majeure provisions, recent decisions interpreting them, and current developments concerning these provisions in the aftermath of recent events, hurricanes, and otherwise. J. Lanier Yeates, Houston</p> <hr/> <p>4:15 pm. Perfecting and Defending Your Mineral Title .50 hr Timely recording of documents, pursuing curative, and surviving title challenges. Celia C. Flowers, Tyler</p>
FRIDAY AFTERNOON		
<p>Presiding Officer: Roderick E. Wetsel, Sweetwater</p> <hr/> <p>12:35 p.m. Drilling Contracts .50 hr Contested ground in day work drilling contracts: negotiations and litigation. David H. O. Roth, San Antonio James M. (Marty) Truss, San Antonio</p> <hr/> <p>1:05 p.m. Modern Obstacles to Ethical Advocacy 1.00 hr ethics Hon. John G. Hyde, Midland</p> <hr/> <p>2:05 p.m. Liens Frequently Encountered in Oil and Gas Title Examination (from the Texas Title Standards) .50 hr A primer on recognizing and resolving liens. George A. Snell III, Amarillo</p> <hr/> <p>2:35 p.m. Break</p> <hr/> <p>2:45 p.m. Accommodation Doctrine .50 hr A review of the elements of the Accommodation Doctrine and how courts in various jurisdictions, including Texas, have applied it in the oil field. Richard D. Davis, Jr., Midland</p>		<p>4:45 p.m. Adjourn</p>
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