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Friday Morning, Mar. 31, 2006

Presiding Officer:

In Houston: **Roderick E. Wetsel**, Steakley, Wetsel, & Carmichael, L.L.P. - Sweetwater, TX

8:45 am In Houston Only 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 III, University Of Texas School Of Law - Austin, TX
9:45 am In Houston Only 0.50 hr	AMI Agreements 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, Law Offices Of Allen D. Cummings - San Antonio, TX
10:25 am In Houston Only 0.50 hr	Recent Developments in the Wind Industry 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, McElroy Sullivan & Miller LLP - Austin, TX
10:55 am In Houston Only 0.50 hr	Development of a Wind Project Legal issues from a developer's perspective. Steven K. DeWolf, Bellinger & DeWolf - Dallas, TX
11:25 am In Houston Only 0.50 hr	Recent Developments at the Railroad Commission and General Land Office An overview of recent rulings, programs, and developments at these agencies that impact the energy industry. H. Philip Whitworth, Scott Douglass & McConnico LLP - Austin, TX

Friday Afternoon, Mar. 31, 2006

Presiding Officer:

In Houston: **Roderick E. Wetsel**, Steakley, Wetsel, & Carmichael, L.L.P. - Sweetwater, TX

12:05 pm In Houston Only 0.50 hr	Responding to Oil Field Crises 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, Noble Energy - Houston, TX
12:35 pm In Houston Only 0.50 hr	Drilling Contracts Contested ground in day work drilling contracts: negotiations and litigation. David H.O. Roth, Cox, Smith & Matthews, Inc. - San Antonio, TX James Martin Truss, Cox Smith Matthews Inc - San Antonio, TX
1:05 pm In Houston Only 0.00 hr 1.00 hr ethics	Modern Obstacles to Ethical Advocacy John G. Hyde, 238th District Court - Midland, TX
2:05 pm In Houston Only 0.00 hr ethics	Liens Frequently Encountered in Oil and Gas Title Examination (from the Texas Title Standards) A primer on recognizing and resolving liens. George A. Snell III, Attorney at Law - Amarillo, TX
2:45 pm In Houston Only 0.50 hr	Accommodation Doctrine 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., Cotton Bledsoe Tighe & Dawson - Midland, TX
3:15 pm In Houston Only 0.50 hr	Oil and Gas Financing, “How It Works” A discussion and comparison of various financing structures for oil & gas assets, with description of selected issues. James Walker McKellar, Thompson & Knight LLP - Dallas, TX
3:45 pm In Houston Only 0.50 hr	The Force Majeure Provision: Faux Stipulation? 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, Gordon Arata McCollam Duplantis & Egan - Houston, TX
4:15 pm In Houston Only 0.50 hr	Perfecting and Defending Your Mineral Title Timely recording of documents, pursuing curative, and surviving title challenges. Celia C Flowers, Flowers Davis - Tyler, TX