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Day 1 Morning

Presiding Officer:

In Houston: **Tim Brown**, Anadarko Petroleum Corporation - Houston, TX

8:00 am In Houston Only	Registration Opens Includes continental breakfast.
8:30 am In Houston Only	Welcoming Remarks
8:45 am In Houston Only 1.25 hrs	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, University of Texas School of Law - Austin, TX
10:00 am In Houston Only	Break
10:15 am In Houston Only 0.50 hr	What Are Surface Minerals and Why Oil and Gas Owners Should Care A review of surface mineral reservations and the ownership of those minerals as between the surface of mineral estate including conflicting operations between oil and gas lessees and surface mineral lessees. Bruce M. Kramer, Of Counsel, McGinnis, Lochridge, & Kilgore, L.L.P. - Houston, TX Co-Author: J. Derrick Price, McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P. - Austin, TX
10:45 am In Houston Only 0.50 hr	Use of Title Examination Standards in Drafting Oil and Gas Title Opinions An overview of oil and gas title examination standards and the use of those standards in drafting oil and gas title opinions. George A. Snell III, Snell Law Firm - Amarillo, TX
11:15 am In Houston Only 0.50 hr ethics	Attorney-Client Privilege in the Oil and Gas Practice A look at the scope of application of the attorney-client privilege and related privileges/doctrines in situations frequently encountered in an oil and gas practice, offering practical tips for preserving and challenging the privilege and a look at recent threats to the privilege of in-house counsel. Co-Author: David Ammons, Diamond McCarthy LLP - Dallas, TX Mary Ann Joerres, Diamond McCarthy Taylor & Finley - Dallas, TX Steve Loden, Diamond McCarthy LLP - Houston, TX

11:45 am In Houston Only	Pick up Box Lunch Included in conference registration fee.
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Day 1 Afternoon

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12:00 pm In Houston Only 0.50 hr	How to Take a Hard Look at CO2 Sequestration and Still Sleep at Night CO2 sequestration is an essential tool in the fight against catastrophic climate change. The necessary scale is huge, and the risks are many, but there are safe and effective ways to capture CO2 and sequester it in ecological formations. Scott Anderson, Environmental Defense Fund - Austin, TX Co-Author: Thomas M. Weber, McElroy Sullivan & Miller - Austin, TX
12:30 pm In Houston Only	Break
12:45 pm In Houston Only 0.50 hr	Surveying Issues Confronting the Landowner and Operator: A Primer This session is intended to familiarize oil and gas practitioners with basic surveying principles and problems, and discuss some of the common legal issues that may confront oil and gas operators and lessors as a result of surveying errors and conflicts. Matthew William Baab, McElroy Sullivan & Miller LLP - Austin, TX
1:15 pm In Houston Only 0.50 hr	Surface Damage Acts and the Accommodation Doctrine A review of recent trends in surface damage act legislation, surface use agreements, and the current status of the accommodation doctrine. David Michael Patton, Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP - Houston, TX
1:45 pm In Houston Only 0.50 hr ethics	Legal Malpractice/Technology Moving oil patch technology to the courthouse and law office - what are the legal obligations? Thomas H. Watkins, Brown McCarroll, L.L.P. - Austin, TX
2:15 pm In Houston Only 0.50 hr	Revisiting the Royalty Clause for the 21st Century An overview of current gas marketing methods and analysis of whether revision of the typical gas royalty clause is necessary or advisable given those circumstances. Stuart C. Hollimon, Andrews Kurth LLP - Dallas, TX
2:45 pm In Houston Only	Break

3:00 pm In Houston Only 0.50 hr	<p>Contractual Based Remedies in Oil and Gas Agreements</p> <p>This presentation will address the remedies available for enforcement of provisions of a variety of oil and gas agreements, including remedies that typically are expressly provided for in the agreement and legal and equitable remedies that are available by operation of law in the absence of an express provision. If also will address drafting issues for practitioners involved in the negotiation of such agreements.</p> <p>Co-Author: Guy S. Lipe, Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. - Houston, TX Mark C. Rodriguez, Vinson & Elkins LLP - Houston, TX</p>
3:30 pm In Houston Only 0.50 hr	<p>Duties Owed by the Operator to ORRI and NPRI Interests</p> <p>The duties owed by the executive rights owner and the operator to ORRI and NPRI.</p> <p>J. Steven Stewart, Attorney at Law - Houston, TX</p>
4:00 pm In Houston Only 0.50 hr	<p>Use of Net Profit Interests in Financing Oil and Gas Transactions</p> <p>Discussion nature and legal characteristics of net profits interests; their treatment in bankruptcy and for income tax purpose; and their use as financing devices.</p> <p>Michael P. Pearson, Jackson Walker L.L.P. - Houston, TX</p>
4:30 pm In Houston Only 0.50 hr	<p>The <i>Pool</i> Case Five Years Later</p> <p>Update on the impact of the Texas Supreme Court's decision in the <i>Pool</i> case five years later and the continued use of adverse possession doctrine in the oil and gas patch.</p> <p>Elizabeth N. "Becky" Miller, Scott, Douglass & McConnico, L.L.P. - Austin, TX Joe T. Sanders II, Scott Douglass & McConnico - Austin, TX</p>
5:00 pm In Houston Only	<p>Adjourn</p>