

39th Annual Ernest E. Smith Oil, Gas and Mineral Law Institute
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Friday Morning, Mar. 22, 2013

Presiding Officer:

In Houston: **Douglas J. Dashiell**, Scott, Douglass & McConnico, L.L.P. - Austin, TX

7:30 am	Registration Opens Includes continental breakfast.
8:20 am	Welcoming Remarks
8:30 am In Houston Only 0.50 hr	Current Surface Use Issues Current surface use issues impacting operators including surface use agreements, water disposal issues, municipal regulation and damage claims. Rick G. Strange, Cotton, Bledsoe, Tighe & Dawson, PC - Midland, TX
9:00 am In Houston Only 0.50 hr	Developing Issues Related to Salt Water Disposal A discussion of current legal and regulatory issues related to salt water disposal in Texas. D. Davin McGinnis, Scott, Douglass & McConnico, L.L.P. - Austin, TX
9:30 am In Houston Only 0.75 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, The University of Texas School of Law - Austin, TX
10:15 am	Break
10:30 am In Houston Only 0.50 hr	Case Law Update - continued Ernest E. Smith, The University of Texas School of Law - Austin, TX
11:00 am In Houston Only 0.50 hr	Buyer Beware—Expanding Reach of Exculpatory Provisions and Releases in Asset Purchase and Joint Operating Agreements What transactional and trial counsel need to know about recent developments in the law governing contractual limitations on liability. Joseph G. Thompson III, Watt Beckworth Thompson Henneman & Sullivan LLP - Houston, TX

11:30 am In Houston Only 0.50 hr	Water Use for Fracking A critical analysis of the rules and availability of water sources used in oil and gas development, including recycling and alternatives to fresh water. Russell S. Johnson, McGinnis Lochridge & Kilgore - Austin, TX
12:00 pm	Pick Up Lunch Included in Institute registration.

Friday Afternoon, Mar. 22, 2013

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	Lunch Presentation
12:30 pm In Houston Only 0.50 hr	Use of Natural Gas for Power Generation Legal, environmental and practical issues arising from the use of natural gas to generate electricity and the effect on producers, pipelines and generators. Kathleen E. Magruder, BP Energy Company - Houston, TX
1:00 pm	Break
1:15 pm In Houston Only 0.75 hr	Horizontal Wells and Commingling A review of the law of commingling in Texas as it now or may apply to horizontal wells. Terry E. Hogwood, Houston, TX
2:00 pm In Houston Only 1.00 hr ethics	What Lawyers Can Learn About Professionalism and Communication from the Career of Abraham Lincoln Talmage Boston, Winstead PC - Dallas, TX
3:00 pm	Break
3:15 pm In Houston Only 0.50 hr	Supreme Court Landowner Condemnation: Landowner Perspective A review of Supreme Court landowner condemnation cases involving the value of the land and value of the taker, including the use of eminent domain in conjunction with the reach of the common carrier statute. Luke J. Ellis, Johns Marrs Ellis & Hodge LLP - Austin, TX Justin A. Hodge, Johns Marrs Ellis & Hodge LLP - Houston, TX

3:45 pm In Houston Only 0.50 hr	Supreme Court Landowner Condemnation: Industry Perspective The impact of <i>Denbury</i> on the industry and eminent domain practice. Thomas A. Zabel, Zabel Freeman - Houston, TX
4:15 pm In Houston Only 0.50 hr	Drafting Production Sharing Agreements An overview of the history and purpose of Production Sharing Agreements and recommended provisions. Robert D. Jowers, Shannon Gracey Ratliff & Miller, LLP - Houston, TX Mickey R. Olmstead, McElroy Sullivan Miller Weber & Olmstead, LLP - Austin, TX
4:45 pm In Houston Only 0.50 hr	Negotiating and Drafting Joint Development and Exploration Agreements A timely discussion of joint development agreements and exploration agreements, and the negotiation thereof, in confronting today's issues in the oil patch. Jeffery A. McCarn, Brown & Fortunato, P.C. - Amarillo, TX
5:15 pm	Adjourn