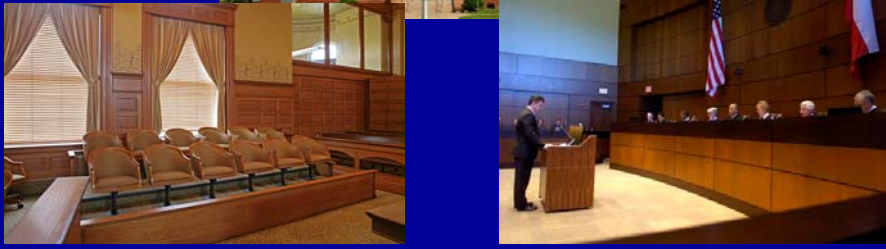


# State Bar of Texas Pattern Jury Charges Oil and Gas

## The SBOT Oil and Gas PJC Project

- Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Section started the project in 2000 to assist the bench and bar in preparing oil and gas charges for the more common types of oil and gas disputes.
- Susan Richardson served as the first Chair of the Committee and it was first published to the oilgas.org site in 2005.
- In 2013, SBOT moved towards its own version of the charges with many of the OGERL committee and new members.

## Why is the Charge Important?



## The Oil and Gas PJC Project

### The Committee:

- *The State Bar assigned a group of Oil and Gas Practitioners to serve on the Committee to prepare the Charges.*
- *The Committee has a diverse make up of practitioners from all over the State:*
  - *Members are from Dallas, Houston, Austin, Midland, Laredo, Corpus Christi, Amarillo and Fort Worth;*
  - *Members brought their litigation experience on the defense side, the plaintiffs side and the bench;*
  - *Members include lawyers who focus on operator representation, landowner representation and both.*

# The Oil and Gas PJC Project

## The Process:

- *The current Committee has worked over the last three years to update the OGERL Charges – a lot has changed.*
- *Committee met monthly and sometimes weekly and then provided to the SBOT PJC Oversight committee for review and revisions.*
- *The charges are now being completed for publication and will be available very soon.*

The screenshot shows the website for the Oil, Gas & Energy Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. The header includes the logo, the title "OIL, GAS & ENERGY RESOURCES LAW SECTION OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS", and the date "TUESDAY 17:53:PM | April 12, 2016". A search bar is located in the top right. The navigation menu includes: ABOUT, PROGRAMS, OFFICERS AND COUNCIL, UPCOMING EVENTS, LIBRARY, HOW TO JOIN, RELATED LINKS, CONTACT, HOME.

The main content area features a large image of an oil pumpjack against a blue sky. Below the image is a "Member Login" form with fields for "USERNAME" and "PASSWORD", a "Remember My Password" checkbox, and a "LOGIN" button. Links for "Need Help?", "First Time Logging in?", and "Password Problems?" are provided. Social media sharing icons for Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn are also present.

Below the image, the text reads: "The Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas was established in 1938 as the 'Natural Resources Section' and is the oldest section of the State Bar of Texas. The Section is one of the largest and most active in the State Bar of Texas, with more than 3,000 members."

The "Mission" section states: "The Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas is dedicated to promoting excellence in the practice of oil, gas and energy resources law by (1) monitoring legal developments, (2) providing education, (3) encouraging and facilitating practice in the area and (4) promoting ethics and professionalism in each case coordinating as appropriate with similar professional organizations."

The "How to Join" section states: "Membership in Oil, Gas & Energy Resources Law Section is available to all lawyers licensed to practice law in Texas and (on a non-voting basis) to all law students. Oil, Gas & Energy Resources Law Section's fiscal year runs from June 1 to May 31. LEARN HOW TO JOIN"

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