

TEXAS CASE LAW UPDATE

covering 2023 and early 2024 cases

**50TH ANNUAL ERNEST E. SMITH
OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LAW INSTITUTE**
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW
THE OIL, GAS AND ENERGY RESOURCES LAW SECTION (OGERL) SBOT
HOUSTON, TEXAS, APRIL 4 & 5, 2024

Owen L. Anderson
Distinguished Oil & Gas Scholar & Co-Academic Director

 The University of Texas at Austin
Kay Bailey Hutchison Energy Center

*Cockrell School of Engineering
McCombs School of Business
School of Law*

KBH Energy Center
Owen L. Anderson, Co-Academic Director

- My opinions are my own and not necessarily the opinion of the KBH Energy Center

Part I, April 4, 8:40 to 9:25 a.m.

- Note: Pet histories in paper as of February 2023

Here’s something you don’t see often:

PBEX II, LLC v. Dorchester Minerals, L.P., 670 S.W.3d 374 (Tex. App.—Amarillo 2023, pet. filed.)



PBEX II, LLC v. Dorchester Minerals, L.P., 670 S.W.3d 374 (Tex. App.—Amarillo 2023, pet. filed.)

- Dorchester is a successor to WIs owners who were apparently nonconsenting nonoperating parties regarding 2 gas wells
- Dorchester and its predecessors acted as one would expect WIOs to act from 1990 to 2016
- The governing JOA had the usual language disclaiming operator agency
- Torch alleged mistake in signing a DO that zeroed out its interest, asserting that it never sold the wells or lease at issue
- **Held:** Dorchester prevailed as an adverse possessor under the 25-yr S/L

Here is something you see all too often:
Title Examiner Indigestion Cases



Find the full text of this and thousands of other resources from leading experts in dozens of legal practice areas in the [UT Law CLE eLibrary \(utcle.org/elibrary\)](https://utcle.org/elibrary)

Title search: Case Law Update: Part One

Also available as part of the eCourse

[2024 Ernest E. Smith Oil, Gas and Mineral Law eConference](#)

First appeared as part of the conference materials for the
50th Annual Ernest E. Smith Oil, Gas and Mineral Law Institute session
"Case Law Update: Part One"