

2018 Fundamentals of Oil, Gas and Mineral Law
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Thursday Morning, Apr. 19, 2018

Presiding Officer:

Katy Pier Moore, Santoyo Moore Wehmeyer PC - San Antonio, TX

7:30 am In Houston Only	Fundamentals Registration Opens <i>Includes continental breakfast.</i>
8:20 am	Welcoming Remarks
8:30 am 0.75 hr	Drilling Contracts and Master Services Agreements <p>Drilling contracts and service contracts are the most common agreements involved in oilfield operations and risk allocation issues. Focus on getting the right indemnity and insurance provisions for your company and avoiding potential pitfalls involving enforceability and indemnity structure. Learn about specific concerns relating to use of the IADC Onshore Drilling Contract form.</p> <p>William W. Pugh III, Liskow & Lewis - Houston, TX</p>
9:15 am 0.75 hr	A Primer on Marketing Oil and Gas <p>Discussion of the basic concepts associated with a producer's marketing of its oil and gas production, including overviews of (a) the applicable provisions of UCC Article 2, (b) the basic provisions of the Conoco general terms and conditions applicable to sales of crude oil as well as the standardized LEAP "master" form agreement for crude oil and refined petroleum products, (c) the provisions commonly found in contracts for the purchase of natural gas by gatherers and processors, as well as by gas marketers utilizing the standardized NAESB "master" form agreement for natural gas, and (d) applicable regulatory principles."</p> <p>Michael P. Pearson, Jackson Walker LLP - Houston, TX</p>
10:00 am	Break
10:15 am 0.75 hr ethics	Protecting the In-House Attorney Client Privilege <p>A practical overview of the attorney-client privilege as it applies to in-house counsel communications. Hear best practices for protecting communications, common pitfalls, and real world hot topics. Focus on "intermingled" legal and business communications, investigations, and multi-jurisdictional disputes, as well as discovery and litigation planning and management.</p> <p><i>This session was originally scheduled on Thursday, April 19th at 12:20 p.m.</i></p> <p>Jonathan R. Childers, Lynn Pinker Cox & Hurst, LLP - Dallas, TX Michael K. Hurst, Lynn Pinker Cox & Hurst, LLP - Dallas, TX Jervonne Newsome, Lynn Pinker Cox & Hurst, LLP - Dallas, TX</p>

11:00 am 0.50 hr	Understanding Revisions to The Texas General Land Office Lease Form A brief history of classifications of state and a discussion on how recent trends in field rules, allocation wells, and valuation methods have impacted the State Lease form. Mark A. Havens, Texas General Land Office - Austin, TX
11:30 am 0.50 hr	Basic Causes of Action and Defenses in Litigating Land Titles Find the right procedure and the right remedy to protect your client's rights. Richard F. Brown, Brown & Fortunato, P.C. - Amarillo, TX
12:00 pm In Houston Only	Pick Up Lunch <i>Included in Fundamentals registration.</i>

Thursday Afternoon, Apr. 19, 2018

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

	Thank You to Our Luncheon Sponsor Baker & Hostetler LLP
12:20 pm 0.75 hr	What You Need to Know About the Railroad Commission of Texas An overview of oil and gas drilling, production, environmental and pipeline regulation by the Railroad Commission of Texas. This session was originally scheduled on Thursday, April 19th at 10:15 a.m. Tim George, McGinnis Lochridge - Austin, TX
1:05 pm	Break
1:20 pm 0.75 hr	Are We There Yet - Beginning and Termination of the Oil and Gas Lease Examine the commencement of the term of the lease and its termination. Peter E. Hosey, Jackson Walker LLP - San Antonio, TX
2:05 pm 0.75 hr	A Bankruptcy Primer for the Practitioner Review the rudiments of the powers of the Bankruptcy Court under Section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code and the need for perfection of title and liens under Texas law; the asset sales process under Section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code with a focus on survival of pre-bankruptcy liens and obligations; and a preference action and an action asserting that a transaction was a constructive and actionable transfer in fraud of creditors. Eric R. Goodman, Baker & Hostetler LLP - Cleveland, OH W. John English Jr., Baker & Hostetler LLP - Houston, TX

2:50 pm	Break
3:00 pm 0.75 hr	Perfection and Recording: Practical Title Issues <p>The public records doctrine is the cornerstone for perfection of title, liens and security interests relating to oil, gas, and mineral interests. Hear about the public records doctrine, the electronic signature laws, the bona fide purchaser doctrine, and perfection of title, liens and security interests under traditional title law and the Texas Business and Commerce Code.</p> <p>Jasper Mason, Baker & Hostetler LLP - Denver, CO George A. Snell III, Snell Law Firm - Amarillo, TX</p>
3:45 pm 0.50 hr	Division Orders <p>The uses and abuses of the Division Order. Neither a contract nor a conveyance, a shield but not a sword.</p> <p>Michael D. Jones, Jones Gill LLP - Houston, TX</p>
4:15 pm 0.50 hr	Basic JOA <p>Discuss the purposes for a Joint Operating Agreement, its basic structure and issues that arise in its interpretation.</p> <p>Jeff Weems, Staff Weems LLP - Houston, TX</p>
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