

2022 Fundamentals of Oil, Gas and Mineral Law
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Thursday Morning, Apr. 21, 2022

Presiding Officer:

Donato David Ramos Jr., Law Offices of Donato D. Ramos P.L.L.C. - Laredo, TX

7:30 am In Houston Only	Fundamentals Registration Opens Includes continental breakfast.
8:30 am	Welcoming Remarks
8:40 am 0.75 hr	Railroad Commission Updates and Basics Address the recent changes in regulation of the oil and gas, and pipeline industries in Texas, with emphasis on issues regarding permitting of producing wells, the transfer of inactive wells, saltwater disposal well permitting, good faith claim to title disputes, natural gas flaring exceptions, and pipeline regulations. Ryan Lammert, Uhl, Fitzsimons, Burton, Wolff & Rangel, PLLC - San Antonio, TX
9:25 am 0.75 hr	You have an Oil Well, Now What? Eddie Chiles once said, "If you don't have an oil well, get one." But what comes next? Is that revenue check correct? Are production volumes properly allocated? Bashed by an offset well? A review of issues encountered during the life of an oil or gas well. Jason Maloy, Tall Cotton Energy - Dallas, TX Adam Tischer, Tischer Energy - Dallas, TX
10:10 am	15 minute Break
10:25 am 0.75 hr	Emerging and Re-Emerging Issues in the Use of Surface for Oil and Gas Operations Explore the nature and extent of the implied easement to use the surface, and a framework for analyzing the accommodation doctrine. Also hear a survey of emerging and re-emerging issues involving conflicting uses of the surface estate, including conflicts with renewable projects, saltwater disposal operations, sand mining, and subsurface easements. Austin W. Brister, McGinnis Lochridge - Houston, TX
11:10 am 0.50 hr	Uses and Abuses of Division Orders A discussion of the Division Order statute and recent amendment of the Division Order statute in light of <i>ConocoPhillips Co. v. Koopman</i> , 547 S.W.3d 858 (Tex. 2018). Michael D. Jones, Jones Gill Porter Crawford & Crawford LLP - Houston, TX

11:40 am In Houston Only	Pick up Lunch Included in Registration
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Thursday Afternoon, Apr. 21, 2022

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Luncheon Presentation

12:05 pm 0.75 hr ethics	Conflict of Interest Considerations in an Oil and Gas Practice A review and refresher on different types of conflicts of interest situations that could arise in an oil and gas practice, including how to assess such situations and points to consider in determining whether a conflict exists. George E. Shires, Cotton Bledsoe Tighe & Dawson PC - Midland, TX
12:50 pm	15-minute Break
1:05 pm 0.75 hr	Fundamentals of Royalty Calculation: How a Few Small Words Can Make a Big Difference An overview of the various types of royalty clauses and their most common components, as well as the proper methodologies for calculating royalties under each of those clauses. A review of the key cases in Texas - and other states - interpreting these clauses. Byron C. Keeling, Keeling & Fredrickson, P.C. - Houston, TX
1:50 pm 0.50 hr	Introduction of Co-Tenancy Accounting An overview of the rights and obligations of mineral co-tenants with regard to one another where there is no agreement between them, with particular focus on how a developing co-tenant must account to an unleased or uncommitted mineral co-tenant who does not participate in the cost of operating. William B. Burford, Kelly Hart & Hallman LLP - Midland, TX
2:20 pm 0.50 hr	A Primer on Oil and Gas Transportation Agreements: Key Issues & Considerations Explore midstream transactions and the contracts commonly utilized in the energy industry governing the movement of oil and gas from the wellhead to a point downstream for resale or further handling. Work through commercial and regulatory considerations and key issues when analyzing and negotiating transportation contracts. Jesse S. Lotay, Jackson Walker LLP - Houston, TX
2:50 pm	10-minute Break

3:00 pm 0.75 hr	<p>JOA Basics and Pitfalls: General Structure and Litigation Hotspots</p> <p>Review key provisions of the American Association of Petroleum Landmen 610 Model Form Operating Agreements and highlight trouble spots and related litigation.</p> <p>Christopher S. Kulander, South Texas College of Law Houston - Houston, TX</p>
3:45 pm 0.75 hr	<p>It Ain't Over Till It's Over: A Survey of Oil and Gas Lease Savings Clauses</p> <p>Oil and gas leases frequently contain a number of savings clauses that may perpetuate the lease in its secondary term by means and circumstances other than actual production. An overview of common savings clauses and how they are applied under Texas law, including continuous operations, shut-in, dry-hole, reworking, pooling, continuous development, force majeure, and paying quantities, among others.</p> <p>Paul B. Westbrook, Harris, Finley & Bogle, P.C. - Fort Worth, TX</p>
4:30 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Marketing Contracts</p> <p>A quick primer on practices for marketing crude oil and natural gas.</p> <p>Thomasine Lowry Pantazis, ConocoPhillips Company - Houston, TX</p>
5:00 pm	<p>Adjourn</p>