# 2017 NALTA CONFERENCE AGENDA

National Association of Lease & Title Analysts

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Dear Members, Conference Attendees, Vendors and Donors

Can you feel the “Title Wave” of excitement building? NALTA has a reputation for putting on a top notch Educational and Networking event every year and this year is no exception. The lineup of speakers, exhibitors and entertainment options is outstanding. The host hotel, The Moody Garden’s in Galveston, Texas is thrilled to have NALTA back after 17 years! Fun fact, the Director of Sales, Jamie Weir also assisted NALTA in 2000 for the 15th Annual NALTA Conference. I hope you will make your plans today to join us in this amazing city at this fantastic venue!

I want to congratulate Nick Nelson, 1st VP & Conference Chairman and his entire conference committee on the amazing job that they are doing in planning this year’s conference for us! If you have any questions, comments, or would like to get involved, please reach out we would love to visit with you.

Looking forward to seeing you in Galveston!

Sincerely,
Amy Hopmann, CPLTA
2017 NALTA President
Director – Lease Records
Land Information Services, LLC
**Registration Desk Hours**

*Location: Expo Registration Desk*

Tuesday, September 26…………………….3:00pm to 7:00pm  
Wednesday, September 27…………………..7:00am to 7:00pm  
Thursday, September 28…………………….7:00am to 4:45pm  
Friday, September 29………………………..7:00am to 2:00pm  

*Note: Registration Desk Closed During the Lunch Hour*

**Expo Hours**

*Location: Expo A, Section 1*

Wednesday, September 27…………………..3:00pm to 5:00pm  
Thursday, September 28…………………….8:30am to 4:45pm  
Friday, September 29………………………..8:30am to 2:45pm

**Awards Presentation**

*Location: Expo Hall B*

Friday, September 29…………………………8:00am  
Join us during breakfast for the announcement of the 2016 - 2017 award recipients!

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**President’s Reception**

*Location: Poolside & Garden Cay*

Wednesday, September 27…………………….6:30pm to 10:00pm

**ALTA Social Event**

*Location: Viewfinders Terrace*

Thursday, September 28…………………….4:45pm to 6:00pm  
Open to all conference attendees

**Thursday Night Event & Social**

*Location: Moody Ballroom 1*

Thursday, September 28…………………….6:15pm to 10:00pm
Wednesday Highlights

Registration Desk Hours
Location: Expo Registration Desk
Wednesday, September 27…………………..7:00am to 7:00pm

Expo Hours
Location: Expo A, Section 1
Wednesday, September 27…………………..3:00pm to 5:00pm

Wednesday Seminar
Location: Multiple
Wednesday, September 27…………………..8:30am to 4:00pm

Documentary “FRACTURED: Language, Lies & Energy”
Location: Expo A, Section 3
Wednesday, September 27…………………..2:00pm to 3:00pm
Open to all Conference Attendees

Board Reception for Current & Incoming NALTA Board, and NALTA Conference Committee Members
Location: Viewfinders Terrace
Wednesday, September 27…………………..5:00pm to 6:00pm
Current & Incoming NALTA Board, and NALTA Conference Committee Members invited.

President’s Welcome Reception & Social
Location: Poolside Terrace & Garden Cay
Wednesday, September 27…………………..6:30pm to 10:00pm
Fractured: Language, Lies, Energy

Director: Mark Mathis
The words we use to talk about energy aren’t just misleading, they’re outright deceptions, and it’s no accident. This powerful, entertaining and highly educational documentary features journalist Mark Mathis as he exposes the truth behind the rhetoric. Come discover how to speak clearly and rationally about the most essential resources in our lives: energy and the environment.

Mark Mathis is a filmmaker, speaker, author and consultant. As the Director of WestWave Films he has produced two documentaries, Fractured and spOILed. Mathis was also a Line Producer for Ben Stein’s film, EXPELLED: No Intelligence Allowed. Mathis began his career as a television news reporter and anchor at TV stations in California, Nevada, New Mexico and South Carolina. He left the news industry to start his media consulting/training firm Mathis Media. His bestselling book, Feeding the Media Beast, is published in the U.S. China, Russia, India and Korea. Mathis has been interviewed on hundreds of radio and TV stations. He’s been hired as keynote speaker for dozens of organizations including the National Football League, American Fuel & Petrochemical manufacturers and Saudi Research & Marketing among many others.

Documentary “FRACTURED: Language, Lies & Energy”

Time: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Room: Expo A, Section 3
OPEN TO ALL CONFERENCE ATTENDEES
Wednesday Seminar Highlights

Registration Desk Hours
Location: Expo Registration Desk
Wednesday, September 27 7:00am to 7:00pm

Expo Hours
Location: Expo A, Section 1
Wednesday, September 27 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Breakfast & Opening Session
Location: Expo A, Section 2
Wednesday, September 27 7:30am to 8:30am

Keynote Speaker - Rich Smith
Location: Expo A, Section 2
Wednesday, September 27 12:15pm to 1:15pm

Guided Tour of the Ocean Star, Offshore Drilling Rig Museum
Location: Pier 19 - Galveston
Wednesday, September 27 1:30pm to 4:00pm
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Comparative Oil & Gas Law Mid-Continent, Rockies and Appalachia

Comparing the oil and gas law between producing states reveals that there are more similarities than differences, but the differences will often have significant impacts upon leasing, conveyancing and operations. Knowing the important title differences allows title people to keep their jobs and management to be more confident at stockholder meetings.

George A. Snell - Snell Law Firm
Greg Danielson - Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP
Jeff Lieberman - Liskow & Lewis
Richard L. Gottlieb - Lewis, Glasser, Casey & Rollins PLLC

Two Decades of Oil & Gas Commerce in the Deepwater Gulf of Mexico

The Deepwater Gulf of Mexico oil and gas industry has evolved over the last two decades. This prolific petroleum province offers many challenges, but also offers great rewards. Much value has been created; value that has not only benefitted company shareholders but also the federal government, state economies, and local businesses and non-profits. Different parts of the Deepwater Gulf of Mexico offer different types of opportunities. Projects with longer time lines and more expensive budgets usually attract the large companies with a low weighted average cost of capital (WACC). Whereas, smaller companies with a higher WACC usually are attracted to projects with a shorter timeline and smaller budgets. Success comes in different ways to different companies, but some principles remain ever relevant. Companies with a set strategy aligned with their companies' skills, risk tolerance, expected results, and capitalization have an advantage. The composition of a successful company usually has four key components: great people, a trusting, collaborative culture, processes grown from best practices, and appropriate organizational structures.

Rich Smith - Red Willow Production Co.

Guided Tour of the Ocean Star, Offshore Drilling Rig Museum

Visitors board the retired jackup drilling rig and view a video about the offshore industry. The museum features three floors of models and interactive displays illustrating the story of offshore oil and gas from seismic technology to exploration and production. Scale models of production platforms, actual drill bits and remotely-operated vehicles (ROVs) as well as videos and exhibits explain drilling, geology, seismic, well servicing and production.

Following a leisurely tour inside the museum, visitors can take the skywalk out onto the drill floor of the rig, or visit the exhibits on the pipe deck from the first floor of the museum.

Rich Smith - Red Willow Production Co.
Gregory R. Danielson

Greg received his undergraduate degree from the University of Colorado in 1979 and obtained his J.D. in 1983 from the University of Denver. He is currently a partner in the law firm of Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP where he is the head of the firm’s natural resources department and serves on the firm’s executive committee. Greg’s practice focuses on acquisitions and sales of oil and gas properties. He also represents oil and gas companies in a wide variety of other matters related to exploration and development, including title examination, regulatory compliance, financing, and midstream arrangements.


Greg is a member of the Colorado Bar Association (Chair, Natural Resources and Energy Law Section, 2003-2004), American Bar Association and the Denver Association of Petroleum Landmen.
Richard L. Gottlieb has practiced in the area of natural gas law for over thirty (30) years and is the head of Lewis, Glasser, Casey & Rollins, PLLC’s natural gas practice. Mr. Gottlieb primarily represents oil and natural gas producers and other energy businesses in regulatory, litigation and commercial matters. Mr. Gottlieb is listed in Best Lawyers in America® for Energy Law and Oil & Gas and was recently named the Best Lawyers® 2013 Charleston, West Virginia Lawyer of the Year in Oil & Gas Law. He is also listed in West Virginia Super Lawyers® for Business Litigation and Energy & Natural Resources. Mr. Gottlieb is the West Virginia author for the Comparative Oil and Gas Law book published by the AAPL. It is the first nationwide comparison of Laws, Leasing, Exploration and Production.

He is a former counsel in the Office of Enforcement in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and was a senior attorney with Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation.

Mr. Gottlieb has managed and led complex, high-dollar commercial litigation cases representing energy firms, financial institutions and large corporations. He has represented:

- Major natural gas producers in class action royalty disputes, other lease issues, contract cases and environmental and property damage claims.
- Natural gas producers in regulatory and permitting cases before the West Virginia Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, the West Virginia Shallow Well Commission and the Coalbed Methane Review Commission.
- Natural gas local distribution companies and other utilities before the Public Service Commission of West Virginia.
- Lessors and lessees in mineral lease and joint operating agreement litigation and arbitrations.
- Natural gas producers and developers in the acquisition or divestiture of natural gas rights and development of the Marcellus and Utica Shale.

Mr. Gottlieb, after attending Warwick University in Coventry, England, received his bachelor of arts from Tulane University and his law degree from Washington & Lee University. He is admitted to the West Virginia and District of Columbia bars and practices before all West Virginia Federal and state courts.

Mr. Gottlieb is a member of the board of trustees and former officer of the Energy & Mineral Law Foundation and a member of the Legal Committee for the West Virginia Oil & Natural Gas Association along with the Michael Benedum Chapter of the AAPL.

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JEFFREY D. LIEBERMAN is an attorney practicing in the oil and gas section in the Lafayette office of Liskow & Lewis. His practice consists mostly of non-litigation oil and gas matters, including title examination, unitization and other regulatory matters before the Louisiana Office of Conservation and the State Mineral and Energy Board, contract negotiation, and acquisition and divestiture of oil and gas properties.

He received his Law Degree, magna cum laude, from Louisiana State University in 2008, where he was a member of the Louisiana Law Review. He has spoken on numerous occasions before various professional landmen associations.
George A. Snell

George A. Snell, III, Snell Law Firm – George attended Baylor University and Baylor Law School graduating in 1972 with BA and JD degrees.

Since 1972, George has practiced law in Amarillo. He maintained a general practice, including litigation, until 1979. In 1979, George joined an attorney who had been preparing title opinions for oil and gas purposes since 1966. George also limited his practice to the oil and gas and real property areas, focusing primarily on the preparation of title opinions for all purposes. George and his former partner, now deceased, have together prepared over 7,000 title opinions.

From 1985 to 1991, he was one of the team of speakers teaching AAPL’s Certification Review course. He taught NADOA’s Certification Review course from 1993 to 1996. George has spoken at many other industry seminars for landmen, division order analysts and bar associations. Many of his articles have been published in The Landman.

Since 1989, George has served on the Texas Bar’s Title Standards Joint Editorial Board. While George is not a member of a firm in the traditional sense, George has put together a network of title lawyers in 21 states who work together for both business and writing purposes.

George has lived in Amarillo, TX with his wife Bonnie for 44 years. In addition to golf, his hobby is speaking at industry events. George and Bonnie have one son, Grant who lives in Kalispell, MT, with his wife and two children, ages 5 and 2. Grant is a member of the Crowley Fleck law firm and maintains an estate planning and small business practice.

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Rich Smith

Rich currently leads Red Willow’s efforts in the Deepwater Gulf of Mexico. Over the last three years, the company has been a partner in one of the most successful exploration drilling programs in the industry. Rich has over 34 years of oil and gas experience, serving as an executive for the last ten years at Red Willow, Venari Resources, and Stone Energy. Before filling those positions, he worked for Dominion E&P for ten years, serving as Deepwater General Manager at the end of his tenure. Prior to his stint with Dominion, Rich worked for Exxon where he worked for thirteen years in various domestic and international assignments in both the technical and managerial arenas. Rich earned his Master’s degree in Geology from Texas A&M and his Bachelor’s degree in Marine Sciences from Texas A&M at Galveston. He also attended Harvard Business School, completing the Advanced Management Program in 2009.
Registration Desk Hours

*Location: Expo Registration Desk*
Thursday, September 28………………….7:00am to 4:45pm

Expo Hours

*Location: Expo A, Section 1*
Thursday, September 28………………….8:30am to 4:45pm

Breakfast & Opening Session

*Location: Expo Hall B*
Thursday, September 28………………….7:30am to 8:30am

Keynote Speaker - J.P. Bryan, Jr.

*Location: Expo Hall B*
Thursday, September 28………………….12:30pm to 1:30pm

ALTA Sponsored Reception

*Location: Viewfinders Terrace*
Thursday, September 28………………….4:45pm to 6:00pm

Thursday Night Event & Social (Red Carpet Event)

*Location: Moody Ballroom Foyer & Moody Ballroom I*
Thursday, September 28
6:15pm to 6:30pm (Red Carpet & Pre-Dinner Appetizers)
6:30pm to 10:00pm (Murder Mystery Dinner & Entertainment)
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**Thursday, September 28**

**Time: 8:30 am - 9:30 am**
- Session 1 - Allocation Wells in Texas
- Session 2 - Changes/Additions to BLM Oil and Gas Related Policies/Regulations
- Session 3 - The Independent Contractor and You
- Session 4 - Don’t Fence Me In or No Fence, No Limitation Title

**Time: 9:45 am - 10:45 am**
- Session 5 - Basic LA Oil & Gas Mineral Lease Issues
- Session 6 - Lease Negotiations at the Pugh Clause: Company and Mineral Owner Perspective
- Session 7 - Acquisitions, Divestitures & the Importance of Land
- Session 8 - Title Examination: Curing Title With Affidavits

**Time: 10:55 am - 11:55 am**
- Session 9 - Use It or Lose It: Current Status of States’ Dormant Mineral Laws in Their Effect on Mineral Titles
- Session 10 - Severance from the Sovereign: a Comparative Study of Texas and Louisiana
- Session 11 - Working Through Title Opinion Discrepancies and NRI Disputes
- Session 12 - Voluntary Pooling and Production Sharing Agreements in Texas

**Time: 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm**
- Keynote - J.P. Bryan, Jr.

**Time: 1:45 pm - 2:45 pm**
- Session 13 - ONRR Reporting Overview
- Session 14 - West Virginia and Southwestern Pennsylvania Genealogical Research
- Session 15 - Where Are They Now - Finding Missing People!
- Session 16 - 51 Common Title Problems in Oklahoma

**Time: 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm**
- Session 17 - Fact and Fiction in the Fracking Debate
- Session 18 - An Overview of Today's Common Oil and Gas Deals and Agreements
- Session 19 - Getting It Right The First Time: BOEM OCS Adjudication Filings
- Session 20 - Review of Leasing Procedures for Indians in Oklahoma
Session 1 - Allocation Wells in Texas

Allocation wells are horizontal wells drilled across lease lines in Texas. This presentation will examine Texas title law and oil and gas regulations applicable to allocation wells. The presentation will explore agreements between working interest owners for sharing costs and revenues in allocation wells and address Browning Oil Company v. Luecke and the Klotzman Railroad Commission case.

Michael McElroy, Attorney - McElroy, Sullivan, Miller, Weber & Olmstead

Session 2 - Changes/Additions to BLM Oil and Gas Related Policies/Regulations

With the change in Administration there has been a change in focus the Bureau of Land Management in relation to oil and gas policies and regulations. In this session those changes will be discussed.

Sheila Mallory, NM/TX/OK/TX Deputy State Director, Minerals - Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Session 3 - The Independent Contractor and You

The Internal Revenue Service and appropriate state employment agencies have repeatedly endeavored to reclassify Independent Contractors as employees for sometime. This talk will provide suggestions on how companies and Independent Contractors can better protect themselves in the conduct of their business. We will discuss the 20 Point Common Law Test that the IRS and state employment agencies use to determine whether an individual is an Independent Contractor or employee and what to do in the event of a compliance audit.

Alan Morgan, Vice President of Land - Remora Oil Company

Session 4 - Don’t Fence Me In or No Fence, No Limitation Title

Most titles in Texas are premised, at least in part, on adverse possession or a limitation title. Many of the title requirements dealing with adverse possession are waived until after production is established and then addressed, if at all. One very safe way to add a layer of safety to the issue of whether your client/employer has matured limitation title is to look at a survey of the property and determine if the property is entirely surrounded by a fence. Based on the principles which will be discussed, the attendees will be able to initially determine if a particular tract does or does not have a potential limitation problem.

Terry Hogwood, Attorney - The Law Offices of Terry E. Hogwood
Session 5 - Basic LA Oil & Gas Mineral Lease Issues

This Session will be a basic primer on Leasing issues particular to Louisiana law.

Charles Blaize, Attorney - Mayhall, Fondren, Blaize Lawfirm

Session 6 - Lease Negotiations at the Pugh Clause: Company and Mineral Owner Perspective

Pugh clauses are a hot topic in Shale Drilling as they are perceived as landowner protection clauses. This presentation seeks to provide a short history of Pugh clauses, different types of Pugh clauses and how to identify the type, a landowner perspective on Pugh clauses and the company responses to the increasing presence of Pugh Clauses in leases.

Stefanie P. Hines, Assistant Professor of Energy Land Management, JD, CPLTA - West Virginia University

Session 7 - Acquisitions, Divestitures & the Importance of Land

Acquisitions and divestitures are a great way to manage the assets of energy companies. While these transactions involve many departments, Land Administration is one of the last departments to incorporate the properties into the buyer's system and/or discharge the records from the seller's custody. As preparation for these dealings are the key to success, we'll discuss ways in which Land, Land Administration and Division Orders can learn from past slip-ups and empower their department to shine in the future.

Eli Murray, CDOA, CPLTA, Division Order & Property Admin Manager - RSP Permian, L.L.C.

Session 8 - Title Examination: Curing Title With Affidavits

This talk will deal not only with when affidavits are a proper title curative tool but also how to prepare an affidavit that will not legally fail.

Terry Hogwood, Attorney - The Law Offices of Terry E. Hogwood
Session 9 - Use It or Lose It: Current Status of States’ Dormant Mineral Laws in Their Effect on Mineral Titles

Many states have dormant mineral acts that will return a severed mineral interest to the surface owner if the minerals have not been developed after a certain period of time. In some states this law is well developed, in others it is not and is currently being developed by the courts. This presentation will give an overview of the dormant mineral acts in the most prolific oil and gas producing states and highlight recent case law developments.

Eric Camp, Attorney - Decker Jones Law Firm

Session 10 - Severance from the Sovereign: a Comparative Study of Texas and Louisiana

The history of severance of land and mineral rights from the sovereign, whether that be severance from the United States or the state of Texas or the state of Louisiana, including onshore, offshore, rivers and lakes, understanding what a tract's boundaries tell us about its title history, why the boundaries of tracts in Texas are demonstrably different from tract boundaries in Louisiana, why Texas has a Relinquishment Act and Louisiana does not, why Texas has "vacancies" and Louisiana does not, the reasons for running title back to original severance and not just for the last 30 years, plus many other related issues, all packed into a one hour, fast-moving, clear and concise session with continual demonstratives.

Stephen Riner, Attorney - Law Office of Stephen N. Riner

Session 11 - Working Through Title Opinion Discrepancies and NRI Disputes

What happens next when a royalty owner or working interest partner asks for a correction in their ownership? What are some scenarios where this would need to be done, and what obligations are owed?

Roger Gingell, Attorney & In-House Landman
Session 12 - Voluntary Pooling and Production Sharing Agreements in Texas

This presentation examines contractual arrangements to combine acreage for the purpose of drilling oil and gas wells in Texas, including voluntary pooling and production sharing agreements. Special focus is made on the operation of typical pooling clauses in leases and their interaction with Railroad Commission of Texas rules and regulations. Various scenarios in applying pooling clauses are examined, with an emphasis on perils and pitfalls. Production sharing agreements are also examined.

Bryan Lauer, Partner - Scott Douglass & McConnico LLP

Session 13 - ONRR Reporting Overview

This presentation will provide an overview of the Office of Natural Resources Revenue, our mission, and the reporting requirements for oil, gas, geothermal, and solid minerals lessees/operators.

LeeAnn Martin, Program Manager, Production Reporting & Verifications - Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR)

Session 14 - West Virginia and Southwestern Pennsylvania Genealogical

This session will cover how to basics of Genealogical Research in West Virginia and Southwestern Pennsylvania, including how to use Ancestry.com, how to read census reports that have varying last names, how to use online resources, and tips and tricks for when you reach a dead end.

Stefanie P. Hines, Assistant Professor of Energy Land Management, JD, CPLTA - West Virginia University

Session 15 - Where Are They Now - Finding Missing People!

The speaker will discuss how to use Governmental, Private Investigator and Genealogical Websites to locate missing mineral and royalty owners. With over 6,000 websites that the speaker has bookmarked, individuals are rarely lost. We will also discuss how to better read an instrument for forensic clues to begin a search. Participants can bring actual problems that we will solve before the group.

Alan Morgan, Vice President of Land - Remora Oil Company
Session 16 - 51 Common Title Problems in Oklahoma

This session will educate and help all land professionals identify potential title problems in Oklahoma, as well as provide the attendee with a helpful guide.


Session 17 - Fact and Fiction in the Fracking Debate

This presentation will consider claims and allegations about hydraulic fracturing and oil and gas operations by environmental organizations compared to statements by industry-friendly groups. You will see a difference in attitude and accuracy.

Charles Sartain, Partner - Gray, Reed & McGraw LLP

Session 18 - An Overview of Today's Common Oil and Gas Deals and Agreements

Oil and gas companies grow their size and value through agreements and working relationships with a limitless number of mineral and leasehold owners. This discussion will provide an overview of the deals and agreements a land professional will use in order to gain additional drilling and monetization opportunities. Of particular focus will be an examination of the current deal trends taking place in today’s market.

Jerris Johnson, Landman - Energen Resources Corporation

Session 19 - Getting It Right The First Time: BOEM OCS Adjudication Filings

The purpose of this session is to ensure proper understanding of how to file Adjudication actions with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management including Assignments of Record Title Interest, Assignments of Operating Rights Interest, Relinquishments and Designations of Operator. The proper understanding will eliminate unnecessary monies spent on filing fees to correct transfers of interest, etc. A brief overview of company qualifications will also be discussed.

Bernadette Thomas, Adjudication Section Chief - Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)

Session 20 - Review of Leasing Procedures for Indians in Oklahoma

Review of Leasing Procedures for Indians under General Allotment Act (BLM/BIA) and Indians in the Five Nations, formerly Five Civilized Tribes.

Charles Smith, Attorney - Charles C. Smith & Associates PLLC
Friday Highlights

Registration Desk Hours
Location: Expo Registration Desk
Friday, September 29.........................7:00am to 2:00pm

Expo Hours
Location: Expo A, Section 1
Friday, September 29.........................8:30am to 2:45pm

Breakfast & Awards Presentation
Location: Expo Hall B
Friday, September 29.........................7:30am to 8:30am
Join us during breakfast for the announcement of the 2016 - 2017 award recipients!

Keynote Speaker - Nancy R. Masters
Location: Expo Hall B
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Closing Session & Door Prize Raffle
Location: Expo Hall B
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Join us for our Closing Session & Door Prize raffle!
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Session 21 - Geology 101

Geology 101 – This session will be a basic introduction of what a geologist does and how a prospect is created. John will take you through some of the steps he follows to build a prospect and include interactive participation.

John Foester, Partner - Costal Plains Exploration

Session 22 - Landowner Relations 101

When does the landowner relationship begin and how does fostering a good relation with landowners help your company? Landowner relations are a historically difficult element of Lease management, how can a company be proactive in their efforts to build good relationships and how can a company maintain these relationships.

Stefanie P. Hines, Assistant Professor of Energy Land Management, JD, CPLTA - West Virginia University

Session 23 - Forced Pooling in Texas

This presentation will discuss forced pooling in Texas within the context of the Mineral Interest Pooling Act (MIPA). The discussion will include the origins of the MIPA, the various statutory requirements for forced pooling, the traditional applications of MIPA, and recent developments in the statute’s application, including an analysis of the seminal Finley Resources case. The presentation will conclude with unanswered questions and broad conclusions about the state of forced pooling in Texas.

Bryan Lauer, Partner - Scott Douglass & McConnico LLP

Session 24 - Who Likes Shut-Ins?

This session will review the variations of the shut-in clause in oil and gas leases, and it will explore the when, why, and how it should be used. The discussion will look at scenarios from multiple points-of-view to see who likes and dislikes the shut-in clause. Because who wouldn't want to spend some time talking about shut-ins?

Jerris Johnson, Landman - Energen Resources Corporation
Session 25 - Why is Louisiana different....A basic primer on Mineral Servitudes?

This Session is a primer on Louisiana Mineral Servitudes.

Charles Blaize, Attorney - Mayhall, Fondren, Blaize Lawfirm

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Session 26 - Up Words! Tips & Techniques for Improving Professional Communication Skills

Whether writing a memo or a manuscript, you are competing for the attention of readers who are often overwhelmed in today's world of information overload. Nancy Masters will share practical tips and proven techniques to improve and expand your communication skills. Learn how to avoid the "Seven Deadly Sins" all writers must avoid to assure what you write gets read!

Nancy R. Masters, Author/Pilot/Explorer

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Session 27 - Texas Update - Recent Decisions and Pending Cases

Over the last couple years, there has been a large volume of new Texas case law of potential interest to Texas oil and gas companies. In addition, there are several cases on the Texas Supreme Court's docket that many practitioners are following closely. This presentation will touch on a summary of several of these recent cases, and give an over of the issues involved in several pending cases.

Austin Brister, Attorney - McGinnis Lochridge

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Session 28 - Lease Records - Best Practices Panel Discussion (Part 1)

Panel discussions help each of us to discover new ways of handling old responsibilities. Come join us while we explore issues that are challenging for all Analysts and see what the experts recommend. Today's Lease Records Departments are evolving, let's address problem areas, voice opinions and listen to each other. This is your opportunity to make or find suggestions at a conference designed to meet your needs.

Amy Hopmann, CPLTA, Lease Records Manager - Land Information Services
Cindi Hodges, CPLTA, Supervisor, Land Analysis - Devon Energy Corporation
Jessica Mulverhill, CPLTA, Manager Lease Records - Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
Cindy Nuffer, CPLTA, CMM, Manager, Lease Records - Providence Energy Corporation
Jan Warren, CPLTA, Manager, Lease Records - Petro-Hunt, LLC
Session 29 - Pigs Get Fat… Updates on the Implied Duty to Market

Affiliate sales of oil and gas have become routine in the oil patch with many companies setting up marketing affiliates and owning their own gas processing plants. Disputes have arisen between operators and royalty owners about the prices received for royalty oil and gas and whether affiliated transactions violate the implied duty to market. This presentation will review recent implied duty to market cases dealing with affiliate transactions, including a recent class action certification of one of these cases in Texas.

Eric Camp, Attorney - Decker Jones Law Firm

Session 30 - Calculations: It still adds up!

You don’t have to be a mathematician to properly evaluate the company’s working interests and acreage. This class will walk you through the process of calculating royalty, overriding royalty, and working interests. We will start with the basics and build up to the more complicated necessities which lease and title analysts face every day. By the end of the class, every participant should be able to use the formulas to determine carried working interests both before and after payout. You + me = exciting possibilities!

Eli Murray, CDOA, CPLTA, Division Order & Property Admin Manager - RSP Permian, L.L.C.

Session 31 - Current Issues Regarding the Creation and Use of Allocation Wells in Texas

The growing use of allocation wells creates unique issues for land professionals regarding lease maintenance and the allocation of production proceeds. Come join a discussion of when, why and how allocation wells are formed, and how they are administered. The purpose of the presentation is to help you anticipate and resolve issues before they become problems.

Don Hueske, Attorney - Steptoe & Johnson PLLC

Session 32 - Lease Records - Best Practices Panel Discussion (Part 2)

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How to leverage GIS to manage, visualize, analyze and communicate land asset information by dynamically linking agreement, tract and legal description elements in the database to the related layers in the GIS. Tools simplify analysis of total mineral interest leased, working interest and net revenue interest ownership by owner for any depth or formation interval, expiring vs producing/HBP leases, land records data including scanned documents, and more. Run reports from the GIS or the land system. Validate and map legal descriptions and well bore ownership at data entry using the AutoMapper automatic mapping utility. Easily maintain and report the mapping status of your records. Live web-based global maps embedded in the land system screens display agreement, tract and legal level polygons. Select records in the land system and jump to related polygon(s) in the map, or select map polygons and jump to related record(s) in the land system. Query and display land agreement information, create expiration maps, generate reports, perform complex analysis of land rights and ownership, retrieve document images and upload GIS data to the land system, all directly from the map. Tools and reports are easy to use, even for GIS novices. Dissection technology offers real-time views of ownership in overlapping partial interest leases across your operating area. Automatically and in real time, dissects complex overlapping partial interest leases to the smallest common denominator surface polygons and then sums up mineral, working and net revenue interest for all overlapping leases below each dissected polygon. Automates lease-labeling function.

John Baucum, Business Development Manager - LandWorks, Inc

Session 34 - Preparing Title Opinions: a Comparative Study of Texas and Louisiana

Preparing title opinions including how Louisiana's mineral law differs from Texas' mineral law and what effect does that have on the table of ownership, in what ways is it easier to prepare a Texas title opinion versus a Louisiana title opinion and vice versa, deciding what documents are relevant to the examination (Texas and Louisiana have different definitions of what documents are relevant and where they are found), what is a "stand-up" examination, what is an "abstract", what is a "title opinion", what do we mean by "title to land", how have the courthouse records changed with technology, are alternatives available to the standard process of reviewing the courthouse records, the specific process I use in preparing a title opinion, what influence does the client have on the content of the opinion, what are "real risks" and what do they look like and how to deal with "real risks", plus many other related issues, all packed into a one hour, fast-moving, clear and concise session with continual demonstratives.

Stephen Riner, Attorney - Law Office of Stephen N. Riner
Session 35 - What's New in the 2015 JOA?

This presentation will explain the changes and differences in the new 2015 JOA versus the 1982 and 1989 JOA forms. Some of the major issues to be discussed are changes in ownership, failure of title and leases containing Pugh Clauses as well as matters involving the operator, non-consenting parties and the use of emails for sending formal proposals and making elections.

Alan Morgan, Vice President of Land - Remora Oil Company

Session 36 - Twenty Five Provisions in an Oil and Gas Lease in 50 Minutes

Ever wonder what all the provisions of an oil and gas lease mean or pertain to? This session will be a quick overview of all the provisions of an oil and gas lease, as well as provide guidance on interpretation of some of the more important provisions.

John Baucum

John Baucum is a Business Development Manager with LandWorks, Inc., and lives in Houston, Texas. He has been with LandWorks since 2008, where he started as a GIS Specialist, and has worked in several other departments before moving into Business Development in 2014.

John is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a bachelor’s degree in Geography. He has been married to his wife Daniele since 2013, and they welcomed their first child, Madeline, into the world in December 2016.

He is an active member of his community and enjoys the outdoors.

Charles Blaize

Mr. Blaize was born in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana on April 30, 1970. He grew up in Houma, Louisiana and settled in Baton Rouge, Louisiana after becoming an attorney. He was President of the Student Bar Association in 1997-1998 and was inducted into the Louisiana State University Law Center Hall of Fame in 1998. Since 1998, Mr. Blaize has rendered countless title opinions and litigated cases successfully all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Mr. Blaize is a founding and the managing partner of the firm of Mayhall Fondren Blaize in the Baton Rouge Office. Mr. Blaize primarily practices in oil and gas title examination. Mr. Blaize also practices complex property ownership and right-of-way litigation, royalty/leasehold and working interest disputes. Throughout his career, Mr. Blaize has also assisted clients in the negotiation of Oil, Gas and Mineral Leases, Joint Operating Agreements, Seismic Options, as well as other oilfield agreements and negotiations.

Mr. Blaize has argued cases in a multitude of Louisiana District Courts, several of the Louisiana Appellate Courts, the Louisiana Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court. Mr. Blaize received the annual President’s Award from the Baton Rouge Bar Association in 2001. Mr. Blaize is also an LSU Law School Adjunct Faculty member, as a part of the Trial Advocacy Program, and teaches the Environmental and Natural Resources Paralegal Course as part of the LSU Continuing Education Program.

**Education**

Charles graduated from Vandebilt Catholic High School. He is a graduate of Louisiana State University (B.A., 1993) Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University (J.D., 1998) and was admitted to the Louisiana Bar in 1998.
Charles Blaize (Cont.)

Admission
- Admitted, Louisiana, 1998
- U.S. District Court, Middle, Eastern and Western Districts
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- United States Supreme Court.

Representative Matters
- Represents major and independent oil companies in title examination and other exploration and production matters.
- Represents oil companies in litigation involving lease disputes, royalty issues, reservoir damages and operating agreement disputes.
- Represents landowners in various title disputes, severance issues and boundary actions.
- Represents oil companies in corporate formation, acquisition of producing properties, refinancing of oil and gas assets and other corporate matters.
- Represents several tax sale purchasers in litigation for repayment and quieting title.
- Represents several Louisiana companies in the business of purchasing and refurbishing real estate including litigation, title, Sheriff’s sale and financing issues.

Memberships
- Louisiana State Bar Association Member (1998 - present)
- Lawyer Referral and Information Committee of the Baton Rouge Bar Association (member 1998 - present; chairman 2004 - 2013)
- Member of Baton Rouge Association of Professional Landmen (1998 - present)
- Member of Houston Association of Professional Landmen (2006 - present)
- Member of American Association of Professional Landmen (2004 - present)
- Member LOGA (2007 - present)
- St. Aloysius Men’s Club
- LSU Gridiron Club
- Tiger Athletic Foundation
- Coastal Conservation Association
- International Game Fish Association
- Houston Petro Tigers – LSU Foundation
- Chancellor’s Counsel, LSU Law Foundation

Presentations
“Ethics and the Role of Professional Landmen”
Lafayette Association of Professional Landmen, Spring Seminar 1999

“Unveiling the Secret World of Sheriff’s Sales”
Around the Bar, March 2001

“Professionalism and Your Bar Association”
Baton Rouge Bar Expo Seminar 2003

“Legislative and Jurisprudential Update”
National Association of Lease and Title Analysts 2004 Annual Conference
Charles Blaize (Cont.)

“Top Ten Rules of Prescription Every Lease Analyst Should Know”
National Association of Lease and Title Analysts 2005 Annual Conference

“Lease Maintenance by Continuous Operations and/or Production”
National Association of Lease and Title Analysts News, June 2005

“Top Ten Mineral Law Questions for Corporate Landmen”
Houston Association of Petroleum Landmen, Spring Seminar 2006

“Race to the Courthouse”
National Association of Division Order Analysts 2006 Annual Conference

“Back to the Basics”
Lafayette Association of Professional Landmen, Fall Seminar 2007


“Jump Right In-Scared to Swim – Leasing and Ownership Issues: Severance, Navigability, Accretion and Reliction of Waterbottoms”, American Association of Professional Landmen, Gulf Coast Land Institute, April, 2009


“Landowner Issues Arising From Oil and Gas Exploration” National Association of Royalty Owners, Louisiana Seminar, May, 2011

“You Can’t Handle the Truth – What is Your Ethical Duty?” Legal Issues in Oil and Gas Production, American Association of Professional Landmen, Gulf Coast Land Institute, October 2011

“Oil Lawyer’s Fracture Porosity: A Level of Professionalism” The 60th Annual Mineral Law Institute, March 2013

“An Introduction To Louisiana Property and Mineral Law” Terrebonne bar Association Annual CLE, August 2013

“Once Upon A Time – The Mystery Of The Lawyer and Landman Relationship, An Ethical Review” Lafayette Association of Professional Landmen, Fall Seminar 2013

“Primer on Basic Louisiana Mineral Law” Baton Rouge Oil Law Seminar, Spring 2014
Austin Brister is an oil and gas attorney with McGinnis Lochridge, and is licensed in Texas, Colorado, North Dakota, and Wyoming. Austin represents operators, non-operators, service companies, and landowners in lease maintenance and termination disputes, title disputes, and royalty disputes. He also assists clients in transactional matters, including purchase and sale transactions, JOAs, farmout agreements, exploration and development agreements, and surface use agreements.

Austin routinely speaks at oil and gas industry events, and is the lead author and editor of OilandGasLawDigest.com, where he and other McGinnis Lochridge attorneys provide industry insights, overviews, and updates, and have attracted a loyal following of more than 2,100 in-house attorneys and landmen.

**Education**
University of Northern Colorado – B.M.
University of Wyoming College of Law – J.D., Law
J.P. Bryan, Jr. is the founder and chairman of Torch Energy Advisors. He has been involved in the energy industry for more than four decades, serving as CEO and President of Gulf Canada Resources Limited (1995-98), Chairman (1990-97) and CEO of Nuevo Energy Company (1990-95), CEO of Bellwether Exploration (1987-97), First Vice President of E.F. Hutton & Company and Director of Investment Banking-Southwest Region (1978-1981), Chairman and CEO of Torch Energy Advisors, Inc. (1981-2012), President and CEO of The Mortgage Banque (1974-1978), Executive Vice President and Director of Dominick & Dominick, Inc. (1969-1974), and Vice President of Morgan Guaranty Trust Company (1966-69). He received his B.A. from The University of Texas at Austin (1959-62); his L.L.B. from The University of Texas Law School at Austin (1963-65); and his B.F.T. from the American Institute of Foreign Trade at Phoenix, Arizona (1966). Among his numerous business awards are Texas Entrepreneur of the Year (1994) and Canadian Oil Producer of the Year (1995).

J. P. has devoted much of his life to historic preservation. He served on the advisory board for the Brazoria County Historical Museum, was the chairman of the board for the Institute of Texan Cultures, has been president of both the Texas Historical Foundation and the Texas State Historical Association, and was appointed commissioner for the Texas Historical Commission by Governor George Bush. He received an award for historical preservation from the Museum of Southern History, the Wheat Award for historical preservation from the Texas Historical Foundation, the Stephen F. Austin Leadership Award from the Brazoria County Museum, the Briscoe Achievement Award from the National Western Art Foundation, accolades from Architectural Digest, the T.R. Fehrenbach Award for distinguished service and contribution to the promotion and preservation of Texas history, was named a Texas State Historical Association Fellow in 2012, received Preservation Houston’s Good Brick Award in 2013, was presented with the Star of Texas Award by the Texas Historical Foundation in January 2014, and named Houston History Hero 2015 by the Houston History Association.

He spent two decades restoring the Gage Hotel in Marathon, Texas, and recently completed restoration of that town’s oldest building, constructed by the town’s founder, Captain Albion Shepard. The Gage Hotel has been awarded several distinctions: Geographic Travel Magazine “Stay List”, voted the #1 Hotel in Texas and #17 in the United States by readers of Conde Nast Traveler, and the hotel’s famous White Buffalo Bar was selected by Texas Monthly Magazine as “Best Hotel Bar” in Texas.

In October 2013, J.P. purchased the 1895 Galveston Orphans Home in Galveston, Texas. Today, the restored building houses The Bryan Museum and contains the world’s largest collection of over 70,000 rare artifacts, documents, maps, and works of art relating to the history of the American West. The Bryan Museum was presented the Texas Historical Commission’s John L. Nau, III Award of Excellence in Museums in September of 2016.
Eric Camp

Eric Camp is an attorney with the Fort Worth firm of Decker Jones, PC. He is licensed in Texas and North Dakota and Board Certified in Oil, Gas and Mineral Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Eric earned his B.A. from Centenary College of Louisiana and his J.D. from SMU. His practice consists of representing operators, mineral owners, surface owners, and municipalities in oil and gas transactions, regulatory matters, and title examinations. When not working, he spends as much time as possible with his wife and two young sons.

Timothy Dowd

Timothy C. Dowd is an attorney with Elias, Books, Brown & Nelson, P.C., in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Mr. Dowd is a past President of the Oklahoma City Mineral Lawyers Society (1996-97); and is past Chairperson of the Oklahoma Bar Association Mineral Law Section (2005-06).

Mr. Dowd is the author of the Oklahoma chapter of AAPL’s Nationwide Comparison of Laws on Leasing, Exploration and Production (2011) and the chapter on Oil and Gas Titles in West Publishing Company’s Oklahoma Real Estate Forms and Practice.

Mr. Dowd has written numerous articles for publication including:
Current and Emerging Issues in Oil and Gas, Title Examination, Oil & Gas 2 NAT. RESOURCES & ENERGY J. 505 (2017).

Oil and Gas Title Law – A Review of 50 Common Problems – North Dakota, 90 N.D. L.REV 289 (2014)


Preferential Rights to Purchase in Oil and Gas Transactions, 49 Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute 5-1 (2003)

Mr. Dowd’s primary area of practice is oil and gas law, including the rendering of title opinions and the drafting and negotiations of industry contracts.
John Foester

John graduated cum laude in 1992 from Texas A&M University in College Station, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Geophysics. He spent 15 years working at Neumin Production Company as a geologist/geophysicist. In 2008, John and 2 partners started a new oil and gas exploration company called Coastal Plains Exploration headquartered in Port Lavaca, Texas. While John’s specialty is 3-D seismic mapping, he also has the unique ability to quickly review and evaluate prospects from both the geological and geophysical perspective.

With deep roots in the Calhoun County, Texas area, John has always been interested in local history and is currently a member of the Calhoun County Historical Commission, the board of the Museum of the Coastal Bend in Victoria, and was just recently elected as School Board Trustee.

Roger Gingell

Roger Gingell is an attorney and oil and gas landman wrapping up his tenth year in the oil and gas business. He has consulted for large oil and gas companies in Houston as well as worked on smaller drilling projects. Prior to the energy business, Roger was a committee staff member for the Texas Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee where he worked on passing the senate homeland security omnibus bill in the 80th Texas Legislative Session.

Education
The University of Texas at Austin – B.A., Government
The University of Houston Law Center – J.D., Law
Stefanie P Hines

Stefanie earned her Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and her Juris Doctor at West Virginia University. Stefanie was born and raised in Northern West Virginia and got her start abstracting residential, commercial, and mineral titles. She worked for several different operators in West Virginia, Ohio, and Pennsylvania and spent a few years in Houston, TX working for Noble Energy, Inc. and Murex Petroleum. Recently she relocated to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where she worked for a major producer. Currently, Stefanie is starting a new role as an Assistant Professor in the Energy Land Management Department at West Virginia University.

Stefanie has extensive experience in Land, Land Administration, and Mid-Stream Land as an abstractor, reviewer, Landman, in-house as a Landman, Lease Analyst, Land Administration Manager including Division Orders and GIS. Her work has also included due-diligence, genealogical research, process improvement, analyst development, and record keeping. Stefanie has worked closely with government affairs groups to improve landowner affinity and to help educate and inform lawmakers about the benefits of oil and gas drilling.

Stefanie is passionate about bringing diversity and inclusion into the Oil and Gas industry and has designed and implemented programs such as “Spanish Roundtables,” “Spanish Lessons at Work.”

Stefanie has worked in the Bakken, Marcellus, Permian, and Utica shale plays. Stefanie’s areas of expertise include title work, complicated heirships, due-diligence, title curative, genealogical research, understanding lease provisions, teaching and mentoring.

In her free time Stefanie enjoys spending time with her husband and three children, travelling, playing the guitar, and researching genealogy.

Cindi Hodges

Cindi Hodges is currently the Land Analysis Supervisor for the Southern Business Unit at Devon Energy Corporation, where she has worked for the past sixteen (16) years. She has been a member of OCAPLTA and NALTA since 2004 and received her CPLTA certification in June of 2014. Cindi graduated with honors from Oklahoma City University in December of 2015 with her Master of Science in Energy Management. Cindi served on the 2016 OCAPLTA Board of Directors as the Corresponding Secretary and is serving as the 2017 President.
MEMBERSHIPS:

- Texas Bar Association - 1973
- Founder and First Chairman of Oil, Gas and Mineral Law Section of Houston Bar Association
- American Association of Professional Landmen

Awarded 1993 Education Award by the American Association of Professional Landmen

WORK HISTORY:

June 1, 1992 to present - Re-established solo oil, gas and title related practice. Primary job responsibility is to provide legal advice for oil and gas clients, covering both onshore and offshore legal matters; rendering day-to-day legal advice on lease maintenance problems, operating agreements, farm-ins and farm-outs and drilling agreements with heavy emphasis on Texas title matters including the rendering of stand-up title opinions.

December 1, 1989 to June 1, 1992 - Named partner in law firm of Davis, Hogwood & Dore'. Primary job responsibility is to provide legal advice for the firm's oil and gas clients, covering both onshore and offshore legal matters. Rendered day-to-day advice on lease maintenance problems, operating agreements, farm-ins and farm-outs and drilling agreements. Heavy emphasis on Texas title matters including the rendering of stand-up title opinions.

January 1, 1987 to December 1, 1989 - Established own oil and gas practice. Named partner in law firm of Davis and Hogwood. Primary job responsibility was to provide legal advice for the firm's oil and gas clients, covering both onshore and offshore legal matters. Rendered day-to-day advice on lease maintenance problems, operating agreements, farm-ins and farm-outs and drilling agreements. Heavy emphasis on Texas title matters including the rendering of stand-up title opinions.

Adjunct Professor - Oil and Gas Law - University of Houston School of Business - Professional Land Management Program

May 15, 1986 to December 31, 1986 - BOYAR, NORTON & BLAIR - Houston, Texas. Partner - Energy Section. Primary job responsibility was to provide legal advice for the firm's oil and gas clients, covering both onshore and offshore legal matters. Rendered day-to-day advice on lease maintenance problems, operating agreements, farm-ins and farm-outs and drilling agreements. Heavy emphasis on Texas title matters including the rendering of stand-up title opinions. Worked closely with banking clients to work out problem oil and gas loans.
Terry Hogwood (Cont.)

WORK HISTORY (Cont.):

March 15, 1984 to May 15, 1986 - AMERADA HESS CORPORATION - Houston, Texas. Regional Attorney - Exploration and Production. Primary job responsibility was to provide legal services for all offshore activities. Major areas of interest were: Gulf of Mexico, east and west coasts and on offshore Alaska. Responsibilities included drafting and approving bidding agreements, unit agreements (forced and voluntary), joint operating agreements, farm-outs and farm-ins, joint venture well agreements and all phases of regulatory law up through the production phase. The job also required secondary responsibility for the states of Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas.

January 1, 1982 to March 15, 1984 - GETTY OIL COMPANY - Houston, Texas. General Attorney - Exploration and Production. Primary job responsibility was to prepare and approve leases, farm-outs and farm-ins, fieldwide units and operating agreements with special emphasis on title work. Heavy concentration on offshore matters for the Gulf of Mexico, east and west coasts and on offshore Alaska. Areas of responsibility included Texas, Louisiana and offshore continental United States.

December 1, 1978 to January 1, 1982 - SHELL OIL COMPANY - Houston, Texas. Attorney - Exploration and Production. Primary job responsibilities were the same as with Getty Oil Company. Area of Responsibility included the entire western United States with special emphasis on federal onshore and Indian leasing and related E&P problems.

September 1, 1977 to December 1, 1978 - DYCHE AND WRIGHT - Houston, Texas. Associate - Same responsibilities as had with Getty Oil Company. Area of responsibility was Texas.

September 1, 1973 to September 1, 1977 - EXXON COMPANY, USA - Houston, Texas. Attorney - Exploration and Production. Same responsibilities as had with Getty Oil Company. Special emphasis on Federal E&P problems and federal and private hard rock mining and production problems. Area of responsibility included, at times, all of the western United States, Texas and Oklahoma.

LEGAL EDUCATION: June 1, 1971 to August 1973 - Baylor Law School - Waco, Texas. J.D. Degree, August 1973.

LAW SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Served twice as Associate Editor of the Baylor Law Review. Published two articles.

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION: Texas A&M University - College Station, Texas. Received B.A. Degree in Economics in 1971 with a minor in history.
Amy Hopmann

Amy Hopmann, CPLTA, has been in the Oil & Gas industry for 22 years. She is currently Director - Lease Records at Land Information Services, LLC. She became an active member of OCAPLTA & NALTA, in 2001 and has since served in many capacities. And most currently as NALTA President for 2016-2017.

Amy has served as Director & Charity Committee Chairman for the OCAPLTA Chapter in 2009 and 2010. During this time, OCAPLTA developed a relationship with the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma - Food 4 Kids program, which is still going strong. Amy served OCAPLTA as 1st Vice President in 2011 as the Education Chairman and was elected as President of OCAPLTA in 2012 & 2013. She also held positions as Past President/Board Advisor, NALTA Liaison for OCAPLTA and most currently as CPLTA Liaison.

Amy has served the NALTA Conference as Exhibitor Chairman in 2003, 2004 and 2005; as the Entertainment Chairman for the 2012 NALTA Conference in Baltimore, MD; and as NALTA Site Selection Co-Chairman. In 2016 she served as NALTA 1st Vice President & Conference Chairman for the 2016 conference in Atlanta, GA.

Amy has been married to her husband Jon for 20 years and they have two daughters and three dogs, she is actively involved in her church in the prayer & mission teams in Uganda.

Don Hueske

Steptoe & Johnson is pleased to announce the arrival of Donald T. Hueske. Don will practice in the areas of energy and mineral title law from the firm's office in The Woodlands, TX.

Don is experienced in managing due diligence projects as well as original, supplemental and division order title examinations. He has assisted in the negotiation and drafting of leasehold assignments, farmouts, joint operating agreements, and master service agreements.

Mr. Hueske has more than thirty years of know-how in the energy industry beginning as a land and title analyst prior to attending law school. After obtaining his Juris Doctor from the University of Houston Law Center, Don developed his practice specializing in the preparation of title examinations and due diligence for acquisitions and financing.

He joined Steptoe & Johnson from an oil and gas-focused law firm in Houston. While there, he led a team of more than 20 attorneys assisting shale developers throughout Texas and the mid-continent.

Don is a member of the State Bar of Texas, Oil, Gas, and Energy Resources Law Section and is board certified in oil, gas, and mineral Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Mr. Hueske is also a campaigner and team leader for the South Montgomery County YMCA Partners for Youth. He is admitted to practice in Texas and Kansas. Contact Don at (281) 203-5755 or by email at don.hueske@steptoe-johnson.com.
Jerris Johnson

Jerris E. Johnson, CPL, is a native Oklahoman, and he spent the summers of his youth working in oilfield construction and well site maintenance. While attending the University of Oklahoma to obtain his B.B.A. in Energy Management, he simultaneously began his land career in Oklahoma courthouses determining mineral ownership and negotiating and purchasing oil and gas leases. Jerris has broad experience in all facets of land work in a variety of geologic locations, including the Permian Basin, the San Juan Basin, the Cherokee Basin, the Appalachian Basin, and the Eagle Ford Shale. His predominant work assignments have been related to roles of exploration, acquisitions and dispositions, and business development to increase company value through strategic transactional agreements in both core and non-core, operated and non-operated asset areas. He has held staff and management positions with Burlington Resources, PostRock Energy, Chesapeake Energy, and Energen. Jerris presently resides in Birmingham, Alabama with his wife and two children.

Brian Lauer

Bryan litigates complex commercial disputes, with a focus on energy industry litigation and regulatory practice at the Railroad Commission of Texas. Bryan was born at Ft. Riley, Kansas, and grew up in Wisconsin. After college, he taught language and literature in both Europe and the United States. Before joining Scott, Douglass & McConico in 2009, Bryan served as law clerk for the Honorable Andrew S. Hanen of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

Recognitions & Awards
Texas Rising Star, a Thomson Reuters business, Business Litigation, 2015, 2016, 2017
Book Reviews Editor, Texas Law Review

Representative Matters
Bryan has managed cases, drafted and argued motions, taken and defended depositions, examined and cross-examined witnesses, conducted settlement negotiations, and held first- and second-chair responsibility for cases in both state and federal court, and has handled numerous matters at the Railroad Commission of Texas. These include:
First- and second-chair responsibility in state and federal court energy litigation, including disputes concerning royalty payments, mineral title, lease termination, trespass, conversion, implied covenants, and theft of trade secrets.
First- and second-chair responsibility in protested and unprotested hearings at the Railroad Commission of Texas, including applications for amendments to field rules, permits for saltwater disposal wells, and Rule 32 flaring exceptions.
Recent Results:
- Successfully argued appeal to the Third Court of Appeals, Austin Texas, resulting in the partial reversal of the district court.
- Successfully managed defense of Fortune 200 energy company in a lawsuit seeking lease termination and damages for trespass and conversion. Despite plaintiffs' eight-figure demand, settled the case in the mid six figures.
- With Asher Griffin, handled temporary injunction hearing and defended Chinese start-up company against claims for breach of fiduciary duty and shareholder oppression, resulting in favorable settlement for client.
- With Steve McConnico and Steve Wingard, handled temporary injunction hearing and represented Austin-based company in trade-secret case, resulting in favorable settlement for client.
- With Joe Sanders, represented Oklahoma-based energy company against claims for trespass and conversion, resulting in favorable settlement for client.

Bar Admissions & Activities
- Admitted to the State Bar of Texas and the United States District Courts for the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas.
- Member, State Bar of Texas, Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Section
- Member, Austin Bar Association, Oil, Gas & Mineral Law Section
- Member, Austin Bar Association, Oil, Gas & Mineral Law Section
- Member, Austin Bar Association, Civil Litigation Section
- Member, State Bar of Texas, Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Section

Community and Charitable Organizations
- Member, Board of Directors for the Literacy Coalition of Central Texas

Education
- University of Michigan, Honors B.A., Philosophy and Political Science, 1996
- University of Chicago, Masters in Social Sciences, 2003
- University of Texas School of Law, J.D. with honors, 2008

Articles and Presentations
- Pooling Oil & Gas Leases in Texas, a seminar presented by George A. Snell, Ill and Bryan D. Lauer for the American Association of Professional Landmen, July 10, 2014 and October 21, 2013.
- 2014 Case Law Update, presented at the Scott, Douglass & McConnico Regulatory Seminar, May 1, 2014
- Square Pegs and Round Holes: The Application and Evolution of Traditional Legal and Regulatory Concepts to Horizontal Wells, presented to the East Texas Association of Petroleum Landmen, Spring Landman Seminar, April 26, 2014
- Production Sharing Agreements and Allocation Wells, panel discussion with J. Robert Goldsmith and John B. McFarland at the 2014 Ernest E. Smith Oil, Gas and Mineral Law Institute, March 28, 2014
- Pooling and Spacing for Horizontal Wells, presented to the Texas Land Institute, Houston, Texas, September 23, 2013
- 2013 Case Law Update, presented at the Scott, Douglass & McConnico Regulatory Seminar, April 25, 2013
Brian Lauer (Cont.)

- Perils and Pitfalls in the Brave New World of E-Discovery, presented at the Anatomy of Fiduciary Litigation, November 29, 2012; Co-Author with Stephen McConnico
- Turning the Law on Its Side: A Review of Developments in State Spacing and Pooling Regulation to Accommodate Horizontal Drilling, presented at the CAIL Third Law of Shale Plays Conference, June 6, 2012; Co-Author with Joe T. Sanders, II
- Voluntary Pooling: Express & Implied Limits on Pooled Units, presented at the Scott, Douglass & McConnico Regulatory Seminar, April 26, 2012
- 2012 Case Law Update, presented to the Oil, Gas & Mineral Section of the Austin Bar Association, April 11, 2012.
- Legal Issues Arising From Horizontal Drilling, presented to the Hill Country and Southern Landman Association, September 12, 2011.
- How Horizontal Drilling Is Regulated in Texas, presented to the Southwest Land Institute, April 14, 2011.

Sheila Mallory

Sheila Mallory is currently the Deputy State Director of Minerals for NM, TX, OK, and TX at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Career Goals:
I continue to see myself in a leadership position within the BLM, whether it be at the Field, District or State Office level. I believe that the leadership's tools, relationships, and better understanding of how BLM defines leaders will position me to be successful in a leadership role.

Career Experience:
I started my career as an underground hard rock mine geologist. I then went to work for BLM in Battle Mountain Nevada where I work in solid and fluid minerals. I eventually moved on to the Geothermal Program Lead Position at the Nevada State Office. I have been my current position for 3 years.

Education:
B.S. Earth and Planetary Sciences May, 1999 at the University of New Mexico. I had a wonderful volcanology professor who took me under his wing when I was going through a difficult time.
M.S. Economic Geology May, 2003, Mackay School of Mines. I was fortunate enough to get to go on a field trip to New Zealand and tour geothermal features.

Most Admired Leader:
Abraham Lincoln have to be my most admired leader. He was appointed some of best people to his Cabinet; some of who were his greatest political rivals and successfully lead them.

Interest:
Gardening, Cooking, Horse Riding and Traveling are my hobbies. I also love spending time with my husband and two kids (ages 7 and 9).
Nancy Robinson Masters

Nancy Robinson Masters is an author and popular inspirational speaker for schools, businesses, organizations and events.

Nancy is a pilot and the author of 42 books. Her more than 3,000 feature articles have appeared in a variety of publications. Her writing has taken her around the world including traveling with the National Science Foundation in Antarctica. She has twice been named the Distinguished Citizen of the Year by the United States Air Force. She became the first woman to receive the Stephen F. Austin Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Scottish Rite Masons. She has spoken to more than 350,000 students and teachers promoting the power of free people to freely read and write. Her workshops providing practical, proven techniques to succeed as a freelance writer are recommended by publishers and participants from all genres.

Nancy grew up on a cotton farm in Jones County, Texas, during seven years of severe drought. She credits much of her success today to the values, patriotism, and work ethic instilled in her during those difficult years. She resides in the Elmdale community near Abilene with her husband, Master Aviator Bill Masters. Their front door opens to a grass runway Nancy keeps mowed with her 1949 Farmall tractor.

Her most important work in life, Nancy says, is "teaching second graders in Sunday School." Grab your cap and goggles and get ready to laugh, cry, and fly high with one of today’s most inspiring women!

Lee-Ann Martin

Lee-Ann Martin is the Program Manager of Production Reporting and Verification with the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR). Lee-Ann oversees four separate areas: Onshore Production Reporting, Production Inspection and Verification, Offshore Production Reporting, and Program Support. The Production Reporting and Verification implements end-to-end processes to track, verify, and ensure accurate production data is collected and maintained for all oil and gas production on Federal and Indian lands. Lee-Ann began her Federal career with the Defense Contract Audit Agency in 1999 in Denver, Colorado and has been with ONRR since 2003. Lee-Ann holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Great Falls and a Master of Business Administration/Accounting from the University of Phoenix.
Michael McElroy

Founding Partner

Mike is a founding partner of the firm, now known as McElroy, Sullivan, Miller, Weber & Olmstead, LLP and focuses his practice on oil and gas matters including regulatory, litigation, appellate and land title issues. Mike currently serves as a Member of the State Bar of Texas Pattern Jury Charge Committee, the Oil, Gas & Energy Resource Law Council of the State Bar of Texas, the American Bar Foundation, the Texas Bar Foundation, the Travis County Bar Association (Sections on Administrative Law, Litigation, Oil & Gas and Energy Resource Law), and the American Bar Association. Prior to entering private practice, Mike served as Counsel to John Poerner, Chairman of the Railroad Commission of Texas in 1980. Mike also served as Counsel to the Texas Senate Natural Resources Committee in 1979 and was Director of the House Study Group for the Texas House of Representatives from 1976-1979.

NOTABLE REPRESENTATIONS

Texas Supreme Court

**BP America Production Co. v. Marshall, et al., 342 S.W.3d 59 (Tex. 2011).**
Lead trial counsel and co-appellate counsel for co-defendant Wagner Oil Company in oil and gas adverse possession case. Successfully obtained jury verdict in trial court and affirmation by Supreme Court of judgment favorable to Wagner.

**HECI Exploration Co. v. Neel, 982 S.W.2d 881 (Tex. 1998).**
Trial counsel and co-appellate counsel for HECI in reversing a Court of Appeals decision which would have exposed operator to multi-million dollar claim which was barred by limitations/discovery rule.

Court of Appeals

Co-trial counsel and co-appellate counsel for oil and gas operating companies in dispute over access easement. Successfully obtained reversal of trial court decision and rendition of judgment granting access.

**Glover v. Union Pacific RR Co., 187 S.W.3d 201(Tex. App.—Texarkana 2006, pet. denied).**
Lead trial counsel and co-appellate counsel for Defendants, Anadarko Petroleum Corporation and Chevron Texaco, involving adverse possession of oil and gas leases. The Court of Appeals affirmed the trial court judgment in favor of defendants, holding that plaintiffs’ claims were barred by limitations and adverse possession.

**Browning Oil Co., Inc. v. Luecke, 38 S.W.3d 625 (Tex. App.—Austin 2000, pet. denied).** Lead trial and co-appellate counsel for Browning concerning allocation of production to royalty owners from a horizontal wellbore located on both pooled and unpooled tracts of land.
Michael McElroy (Cont.)


**Selected Amicus Representation**


*Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America v. Pool*, 124 S.W.3d 188 (Tex. 2003). Co-appellate counsel for Wagner Oil Company in support of oil and gas lessee seeking to apply Doctrine of Adverse Possession to oil and gas lease. Court’s opinion tracks analysis of amicus brief.

**PRACTICE AREAS**

Oil and Gas; Litigation; Appellate; Administrative; Land Title.

**BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS**

1979, Texas; U.S. District Court, Northern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas; and 5th Circuit Court of Appeals.

**EDUCATION**

University of Texas at Arlington and University of Texas at Austin (B.A., magna cum laude, 1975); University of Texas (J.D., 1979).

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Alan Morgan

Alan H. Morgan, CPL was born in Dayton, Ohio and raised in Dallas. He graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Arts in Government in December 1975 and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Petroleum Land Management in December 1977. Alan began his career as a Landman with Texaco Inc. and subsequently worked as a Landman and in management positions for Border Exploration Company, Mesa Petroleum Co., International Oil & Gas Corporation, Access Exploration Corp. and Remora Oil Company.

Alan has served as an adjunct professor in the Petroleum Land Management Program at the University of Houston-Downtown. He served in numerous positions in the Houston Association of Professional Landmen, including President, 1990-1991 and was recognized as the 1988 HAPL Outstanding Landman and 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award. Alan also served the American Association of Professional Landmen as Second Vice President, Director and Chairman of the Publications, Tax Issues, Annual Meeting, Education, Membership and Ad Hoc Computer Committees. Alan was recognized by AAPL with the 1989 Education Award, 1994 Special Award, 2001 Landman of the Year, 2013 Distinguished Service Award and 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award. In addition, Alan was recognized as one of the 2013 Texas Top 15 Landmen by Texas Monthly and TIPRO.

Alan is a Distinguished Member of Who’s Who in the South and Southwest, Who’s Who in America and Strathmore’s Who’s Who. He is a Texas Real Estate Broker and poker player and last, but not least, grandfather. Alan and his wife, Betsy, have three children, Bonnie, 34; Cara, 32 and Jeremy, 28, and three grandchildren, Matthew, Mason and Eliana.

Jessica Mulverhill

Jessica Mulverhill is the Manager, Lease Records at Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc. Jessica has been working in the oil and gas industry since 2004. Throughout her career, Jessica has worked in various positions in Land and has found her niche to be in Lease Administration. In her current position, Jessica manages all of the Lease Records functions and personnel for US Operations which includes Lease Analysts, Rental Analysts, and Records Management supporting operations in Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Jessica attended the University of Colorado at Boulder and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in History in 2007. In 2011, Jessica became a Certified Professional Lease and Title Analyst. She was re-certified in 2016. Jessica has volunteered her time on the DALTA board and is most currently serving as President for 2017. Outside of the professional world, Jessica enjoys traveling with her husband and has a goal to see 50 states and 50 countries before she turns 50. Jessica and her husband are welcoming their first child, a baby boy, to their family in the spring of 2017. Jessica also enjoys hiking, reading, watching the Denver Broncos, and volunteering for those less fortunate in our community.
Eli Murray is a Certified Division Order Analyst and Certified Professional Lease and Title Analyst. She is a member of the NADOA Certification Committee, and serves as the Corresponding Secretary for the DALWORTH Association of Division Order Analysts. Her progression from a file clerk with Harding Company to Division Order Manager with RSP Permian can be attributed to her mentorship, and she hopes to teach others the same lessons. As a graduate of Texas A&M University, she bleeds maroon and white, and as a former member of the United States Army, she understands the value of teamwork. She loves the puzzle that is the Division of Interest, and believes that anyone who is willing to work hard at understanding Land can excel in the field.

Cindy Nuffer, CPLTA, CMM – Currently as Land Administration Manager at Providence Energy Corporation, with whom I started in July, 2009, there have been lots of new changes and we are doing great with great anticipation for the future.

I began my oil and gas career in January, 1980 with Hunt Energy Corporation which later became Petro-Hunt LLC. Beginning with the Crude Disbursements Dept. then with the changes of the oil industry in the 1980’s I was incorporated into the Revenue Dept. While in the Revenue Dept. she continued with the her duties of handling royalty owner relations, federal & state regulatory reporting then handled Oil Production Accounting, did some Gas Revenue & Gas Plant Accounting along with other Revenue duties. In April, 2000 I was recruited into the Land Administration Dept. where we handled cradle to grave duties for several different entities & multiple states.

I sat for and passed the Certified Professional Lease and Title Analysts exam in 2004 then sat for and passed the Certified Minerals Management exam for the National Royalty Owners Association in 2005. I have been a member of NALTA & DFW-ALTA, NADOA & DALWORTH since 2000 and NARO — Texas since 2004 including being the Recording Secretary for DFW-ALTA for 2 years, Corresponding Secretary for 3 years then Treasurer for 3 years. I am currently serving for my 2nd year on the NALTA Board as Treasurer.

I was born and raised in Rochester, New York moved to Texas as a sophomore in high school and graduated from Justin F Kimball High School in Dallas. I have 3 adult children, along with a daughter-in-law and 2 son-in-laws who keep me quite busy with their adult adventures. I have several “4 legged-grandchildren” but finally have a granddaughter who arrived in November so this Oma is over the moon. After many years of being on PTA boards & several club soccer managerial positions while my children were in school, I now spend most of my free time looking for new adventures to get into.
EDUCATION:
- J.D. Degree in Law, 1980, LSU Law School, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (top 1/3 of the class);
- B.S. Degree in Accounting, 1977, LSU, (minor in French);
- Member LSU tennis team and off-campus student council representative;

WORK EXPERIENCE:
- 1986-present: sole practice of law, oil and gas E&P title examination, oil and gas/real estate litigation, Texas and Louisiana;
- 1982-1986: associate and partner with Jones, Stephens, Bell & Willey, Houston, Texas;
- 1981-1982: law clerk to Judge Frank Polozola, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Louisiana;

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS:
- Board Certified, Oil, Gas and Mineral Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization (1991 to present);
- Licensed in Louisiana (April 1981) and Texas (November 1982).

PERSONAL:
Age 62; born in Corpus Christi, Texas; height 6’1”; weight 170 lbs.; married to Kevine West Riner since 1987 and have four children named Nate (27), Marc (26), Patrick (24) and Daniel (19); reside at 218 Voss, Hunters Creek, Harris County, Texas 77024; members and deacon since 1983 at Second Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, Dr. H. Edwin Young, Pastor; members of the Houston Racquet Club since 2005.

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS:

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Charles Sartain

Mr. Charles Sartain is a partner with Gray Reed & McGraw LLP. His career began at Sun Oil, where he learned the nuts and bolts of oil & gas contract and title law. Over time, he found that litigation, arbitration, and negotiation and prevention of disputes were more to his liking. As a result, he’s been helping energy clients resolve commercial disputes for over 35 years. Mr. Sartain’s practice focuses on energy litigation, arbitration, and commercial litigation and dispute resolution. He’s a member of the State Bar of Texas energy law and litigation sections, as well as an active member of the Dallas Bar Association. He’s licensed to practice in Texas and Louisiana, and is a proud graduate of Louisiana State University, where he earned his undergraduate and law degrees.

Professional Activities, Memberships & Affiliations

- State Bar of Texas (Litigation; Oil, Gas & Energy Resources; Health Care Solutions).
- Louisiana State Bar Association.
- Dallas Bar Association (Board of Directors, 2000-2002; Committee Chair; Media Relations, Judiciary an Courthouse Committees and Energy Law Section).
- American Arbitration Association commercial arbitration panel.
- Texas Independent Producers and Royalties Owners Association (TIPRO), member.

Community Involvement

- Dallas County Republican Party, General Counsel (1994-2008)
- Leadership Dallas
- Fellow, Texas Bar Association

Honors

- Named a “Super Lawyer” by Texas Super Lawyers (a Thomson Reuters company) as published in *Texas Monthly* and Law & Politics magazine (2005-2016)
- Named a Top Author in JD Supra’s 2017 Reader’s Choice Awards
- AV Preeminent® rated (the highest possible Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating designation)
- Omicron Delta Kappa
Charles C. Smith is the owner of Charles C. Smith & Associates PLLC, a law firm in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, with five attorneys. Mr. Smith graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1972 and received his Juris Doctor degree from Oklahoma City University School of Law in 1975. He has practiced oil and gas law for thirty-seven years as a private practitioner and as a corporate attorney for TXO Production Corp. from 1980 to 1984, Frontier Natural Gas Corporation from 1992 to 1994 and Chesapeake Energy Corporation from 1995 to 2010.

Mr. Smith is licensed to practice law in Oklahoma, Texas, North Dakota and Kansas. He is a member of the state bars of each state, a mineral of the mineral law section of Oklahoma and Texas, and a member of the Oklahoma City Mineral Lawyers Association.

Mr. Smith has lectured at seminars for the Oklahoma City University School of Law (“Terms and Provisions of the Joint Operating Agreement”), the University of Oklahoma School of Law (“Tomorrow’s Producers’ 88 Royalty Clause”), Oklahoma State University Technical Institute (“Title Considerations For Purchase and Sale of Oil and Gas Properties”) (“Oil and Gas Lease Provisions”), Tulsa Division Order Analysts (“Shut-In Problems in Texas and Oklahoma”) and the National Association of Royalty Owners (“Abandoned Property in Texas and Oklahoma”) and the National Association of Title Analysts (“Shut-In Royalty Problems in Texas and Oklahoma”). He has also published articles on shut-in royalty, a review of statutes for payment of interest for late payment of proceeds on oil and gas production, and abandoned oil and gas proceeds.
Bernadette Thomas serves as the Chief of the Adjudication Section in the Outer Continental Shelf Gulf of Mexico Region of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM). In her role as Chief of Adjudication, she oversees the processing of legal documents related to lease administration. Ms. Thomas works with the Regional Supervisor in accomplishing program responsibilities relating to the Leasing and Plans Program. She serves as advisor and expert in policy matters involving regulatory and administrative laws and internal rules and polices relating to Federal offshore oil and gas leasing activities including, but not limited to, qualifications to do business with BOEM, lease issuance, assignments of interest, designations of operator, and lease relinquishments.

Before being appointed as the Chief of Adjudication, Ms. Thomas served as a Land Law Examiner in the Adjudication Section, adjudicating the various legal documents filed in the Adjudication Section. Prior to being appointed as a Land Law Examiner in the Adjudication Section, she worked as a lease analyst in the oil and gas industry; working for companies such as The Louisiana Land and Exploration Company, Forcenergy Inc., and Dominion Exploration & Production Inc. Ms. Thomas attended the University of Mississippi and is a CPLTA.

Jan Joy Warren, CPLTA, served on the NALTA Board of Directors for five years; as DFW-ALTA Liaison, 1st Vice President and President during NALTA’s Silver Anniversary Year 2009-2010, as well as a two-year terms as both Past President/Board Advisor and Treasurer. Prior to her service to NALTA she served on the DFW-ALTA Board as President, 1st Vice-President, Past President/NALTA Liaison and Director of Education. Hailing from Bartlesville, OK, she is a 1975 graduate of Oklahoma State University where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree. After the family’s move to Dallas Jan was hired by the Hunt family companies for whom she has worked at various positions over the last 37 years and where she is the Manager of the Land Administration Department for Petro-Hunt L.L.C. Jan has been a speaker at both the NALTA and NADOA conferences in the past as well as local seminars in the Dallas area. Interested in staying active with NALTA, Jan has served on the By-Law, Standing Rules and Financial Committees as well as teaching the certification review for the DFW-ALTA Chapter.

Jan is married to Phil, her hubby of 41 years, and is proud of her two grown children who allow her to be the #1 Jammy to her 4 perfect grandchildren.
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