



Oil & Gas Short Courses

Westin Hotel, Westminster, Colorado

The Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation is offering two concurrent one-week Oil and Gas Short Courses in Westminster, Colorado, with the Oil and Gas Law Short course co-sponsored by the Institute for Energy Law and the Energy & Mineral Law Foundation. These recurring programs, and the extensive materials utilized, are continually reviewed and updated by a group of practicing attorneys, landmen, and experienced law school professors to reflect the most recent developments in oil and gas law, leasing, regulation, and practice. These courses are designed for attorneys, landmen, paralegals, government employees, and others who are relatively inexperienced in the legal and/or land problems of the oil and gas industry, while more experienced individuals have found these courses to be of great benefit as a comprehensive review and update.

Oil and Gas Law
October 16-20, 2017
(offered annually)

The Oil and Gas Law Short Course presents the fundamentals of, and practical training in, important areas of oil and gas law, leasing, contracting, conveyancing, regulation, and practice. The primary focus of this course is U.S. state law and regulation. The faculty consists of leading law professors and oil and gas practitioners, this year led by Jacqueline L. Weaver, the A.A. White Professor of Law at the University of Houston Law Center.

Lectures and workshops will cover: exploration and production operations; ownership, capture, and correlative rights; conservation regulation; oil and gas leases – function and classification, defining what is granted, and duration of the grant; implied covenants; royalties; division orders; drilling contracts; pooling and unitization; local regulation; split estates; environmental regulations; common interests; joint operating agreements; farmout agreements; marketing; ethical issues; and taxation.

For planning purposes, the co-sponsors plan to alternate this course between Colorado and Texas, with the 2018 course to be offered in Houston.

Federal Oil and Gas Leasing
October 16-19, 2017
(next offered in 2019)

Because of the tremendous extent of federal land ownership in the western U.S., oil and gas exploration and production activities on public lands will necessarily play an integral part in satisfying the demand for increased domestic energy supplies from the standpoint of both consumption and national security. The need to conduct these activities in an environmentally sound manner, coupled with ever-increasing competing uses of the public domain, dictate that companies and individuals that seek to conduct oil and gas operations involving federal lands be properly equipped to navigate the federal oil and gas leasing system.

This year’s faculty is comprised of experienced and well-known practitioners, together with top government officials, led by Gregory J. Nibert, a partner with Hinkle Shanor LLP in Roswell. Lectures and exercises will provide attendees with basic understanding of the federal oil and gas leasing system, regularly encountered issues involving federal oil and gas leases, and practical “nuts and bolts” solutions to avoiding or resolving those issues.

Chair: **Jacqueline L. Weaver**
Houston, Texas

Continuing Education
32.5 hours of instruction, including 2.25 hours of ethics

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

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| 7:15 – 8:30 | Registration |
| 8:30 – 8:40 | Introductions & Opening Remarks |
| 8:40 – 9:30 | Exploration and Production Operations (Ehrman) |
| 9:30 – 10:30 | Ownership, Rule of Capture, and Correlative Rights (Ehrman) |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | Break |
| 10:45 – Noon | Split Estates - The Surface Use Issues (van de Biezenbos) |
| Noon – 1:30 | Lunch – On Your Own |
| 1:30 – 2:30 | Common Interests Created in Oil & Gas (Hall) |
| 2:30 – 3:45 | The Oil & Gas Lease: Function and Classification (Weaver) |
| 3:45 – 4:00 | Break |
| 4:00 – 5:30 | The Oil & Gas Lease: Defining the Duration (Weaver) |
| 5:30 – 6:30 | Hosted Reception |

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

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| 8:00 – 9:45 | The Oil & Gas Lease: Defining the Royalty Obligation (Kulander) |
| 9:45 – 10:00 | Break |
| 10:00 – 11:30 | The Royalty Obligation, Division Orders, and Check Stub Statutes (Kulander) |
| 11:30 – 1:00 | Lunch – On Your Own |
| 1:00 – 2:00 | The Oil & Gas Lease: Implied Covenants (Hall) |
| 2:00 – 3:45 | Environmental Regulation of the Oil & Gas Industry (Ritchie) |
| 3:45 – 4:00 | Break |
| 4:00 – 5:45 | Conservation Regulation (Martin) |

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

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| 8:00 – 9:45 | Pooling & Unitization (Kramer) |
| 9:45 – 10:00 | Break |
| 10:00 – 11:45 | Local Regulation of Oil & Gas Operations (Kramer) |
| 11:45 – 1:15 | Lunch – On Your Own |
| 1:15 – 3:00 | Drilling Contracts (Anderson) |
| 3:00 – 3:15 | Break |
| 3:15 – 5:15 | Marketing Agreements (Matlock) |

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

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| 8:00 – 10:00 | Oil, Gas, and Mineral Conveyances: The Perennial Problems and Lessons for Drafting (Burney) |
| 10:00 – 10:15 | Break |
| 10:15 – Noon | Farmout and Joint Operating Agreements (Barber) |
| Noon – 1:30 | Lunch – On Your Own |
| 1:30 – 3:00 | Farmout and Joint Operating Agreements (continued) |
| 3:00 – 3:15 | Break |
| 3:15 – 5:30 | Ethical Issues in Oil & Gas Law Practice (Dzienkowski & Peroni) |

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

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| 8:00 – 9:30 | Fundamentals of Oil and Gas Taxation (Dzienkowski & Peroni) |
| 9:30 – 9:45 | Break |
| 9:45 – 11:30 | Fundamentals of Oil and Gas Taxation (continued) |
| 11:30 | Adjournment |

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Chair: **Gregory J. Nibert**
Roswell, New Mexico

Continuing Education
26.75 hours of instruction

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

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| 7:30 – 8:20 | Registration |
| 8:20 – 8:30 | Introductions and Opening Remarks |
| 8:30 – 9:30 | History, the Government Survey, and Basic Oil and Gas Leasing Legislation (Swartzendruber) |
| 9:30 – 9:45 | Break |
| 9:45– 11:00 | Lands Available for Leasing (Campbell) |
| 11:00 – Noon | Unleased Federal Minerals; Conflicts with Development of Other Minerals (Lindley & Sorum) |
| Noon – 1:30 | Lunch – On Your Own |
| 1:30 – 3:30 | Lands Available for Leasing - Practicum (Caufield, Baca & Vaughn) |
| 3:30 – 3:45 | Break |
| 3:45 – 5:30 | Federal and Indian Oil and Gas Royalty Management (Matlock & Robson) |
| 5:30 – 6:30 | Hosted Reception |

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

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| 8:30 – 9:00 | Leases Issued Prior to the Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Reform Act (Williams & Schroder) |
| 9:00 – 10:15 | Introduction to NEPA and Land Use Planning (Williams & Schroder) |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | Break |
| 10:30 – 11:30 | Competitive Leasing Procedures Under the Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Reform Act (Williams & Schroder) |
| 11:30 – Noon | Noncompetitive Leasing Procedures Under the Reform Act (Williams & Schroder) |
| Noon – 1:30 | Lunch – On Your Own |
| 1:30 – 2:00 | Right-of-Way Leasing (Williams & Schroder) |
| 2:00 – 2:50 | Lessee and Transferee Qualifications (Hande & Price) |
| 2:50 – 3:05 | Break |
| 3:05 – 3:50 | Assignments and Transfers of Interest (Hande & Price) |

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| 3:50 – 4:05 | Options and Rights to Acquire (Hande & Price) |
| 4:05 – 4:20 | Break |
| 4:20 – 5:30 | Transfers of Interests Exercises (Hande & Price) |

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

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| 8:30 – 10:00 | Exploration, Drilling, Producing, and Operating Regulations and Procedures (Boomgaarden) |
| 10:00 – 10:15 | Break |
| 10:15 – 11:00 | Communitization (McMullen) |
| 11:00 – Noon | Unit Agreements (Chase) |
| Noon – 1:30 | Lunch – On Your Own |
| 1:30 – 2:00 | Paying Well Determinations (Chase) |
| 2:00 – 3:00 | Unitization (Mowry) |
| 3:00 – 3:15 | Break |
| 3:15 – 5:00 | Unitization (Mowry) and Open Discussion (Boomgaarden, McMullen, Chase & Mowry) |

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

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| 8:30 – 9:45 | Surface Management Requirements and Emerging Environmental Issues – Limitations on Lessee's Right to Develop (Allen & Oram) |
| 9:45 – 10:00 | Break |
| 10:00 – 11:00 | Access to Leasehold (Hill & Hartford) |
| 11:00 – Noon | State and Local Regulation of Activities on Federal Oil and Gas Leases (Jost) |
| Noon – 1:30 | Lunch – On Your Own |
| 1:30 – 1:50 | Bonds (Hembree) |
| 1:50 – 2:30 | Extension, Suspension, Renewal, and Termination of Leases (Nibert & Chase) |
| 2:30 – 2:45 | Break |
| 2:45 – 3:45 | Extensions (continued) |
| 3:45 – 5:00 | Federal Land Records and Title Examination (Hembree) |
| 5:30 | Adjournment |

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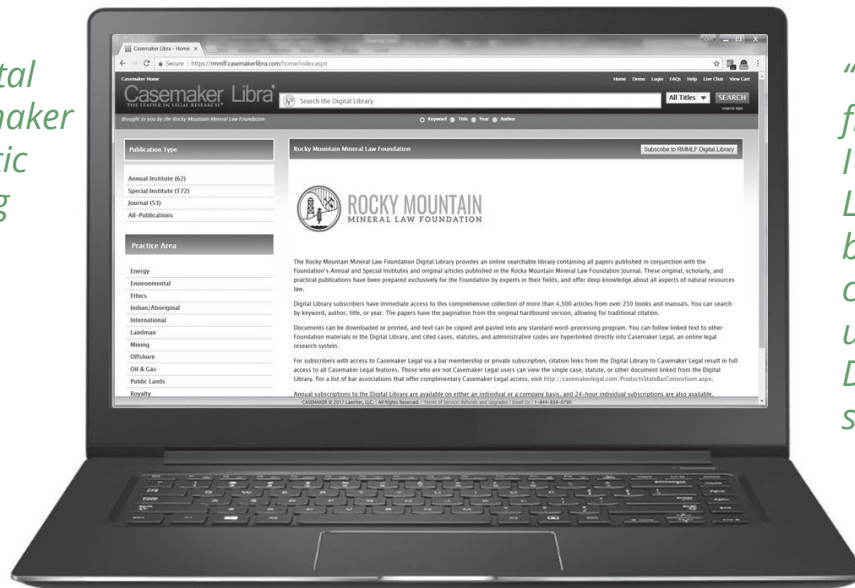
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- Oil & Gas Law Federal Oil & Gas Leasing

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General Information

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- Toll Free: 800-937-8461
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Course Materials: The classroom presentations will be supplemented by extensive written materials that will be distributed at the start of the program.

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