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TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
*School of Law*<sup>™</sup>  
ENERGY LAW PROGRAM

# GIANTS IN THE FIELD

A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of a wooden oil pumpjack tower. The structure is made of light-colored wood with a complex lattice of beams and cross-braces. It rises steeply against a clear, solid blue sky. The perspective makes the tower appear to converge towards the top of the frame.

The Energy Law Program at Texas Tech  
University School of Law is built on a tradition  
of excellence.

The Energy Law Program was founded in 1969 by renowned Professor Richard W. Hemingway, author of several seminal texts on oil-and-gas law and a pioneer in teaching energy law. Hemingway served as the Texas editor of *The American Oil and Gas Reporter* and authored *The Law of Oil and Gas*.

Professor Owen Anderson is now a Professor and Distinguished Oil and Gas Scholar for the Kay Bailey Hutchison Center for Energy Law and Business at the University of Texas School of Law. He is also the Eugene Kuntz Chair Emeritus and the George Lynn Cross Research Professor Emeritus at the University of Oklahoma College of Law, but he was instrumental in shaping our Energy Law Program as the Jack F. Maddox Professor of Law from 1988 to 1992. Professor Anderson is co-author of *International Petroleum Transactions*, *Hemingway Oil and Gas Law and Taxation*, and *Cases and Materials on Oil & Gas Law*.

Following in Professor Hemingway's footsteps and serving with Professor Anderson during his brief tenure was Professor Bruce M. Kramer, co-author of several important books that have become the definitive references for energy lawyers: *The Law of Pooling and Unitization*, *The Law of Oil and Gas: Cases and Materials*, and *Williams & Meyers, Oil and Gas Law* (since 1996). Professor Kramer taught at Texas Tech University School of Law from 1974 to 2007 and continues to hold the title of Maddox Professor of Law Emeritus.

Professor William Keffer joined the Texas Tech University School of Law faculty in 2014, after thirty years of practice in the oil-and-gas business with ARCO, Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, and his own office in the specialty practice of oilfield-pollution litigation, as well as having served two terms in the Texas legislature. Appointed in 2012, he also serves as a member of the Texas delegation to the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission. Professor Keffer's emphasis on practice and increasing students' awareness of, and exposure to, the oil-and-gas industry has greatly contributed to the growth and development of the Energy Law Program at the law school. Our objective is to make Texas Tech the premier law school in this area of practice.

# FOCUSED FACULTY



Texas Tech Law is proud to announce Rodrick E. Wetsel as the newest member of the Energy Law faculty. Wetsel is Partner at Wetsel, Carmichael, and Allen and is board certified in Oil, Gas and Mineral Law. He is the co-author of *Wind Law* (LexisNexis Matthew Bender 2015) and also serves on the Texas Title Standards Joint Editorial Board of the State Bar of Texas.

Courses: Wind Law, Texas Mineral Titles



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**Stephen Black, J.D., LL.M.**

Professor of Law

**Courses:** Transactional Practice, Energy Law

**Recent scholarship published** in the *Georgia State University Law Review* and the top-100 journal *Akron Law Review*

**Served as principal shareholder** in a boutique tax firm and represented clients before the Internal Revenue Service and state tax agencies



**William R. Keffer, J.D.**

Professor of Practice; Director, Energy Law Programs

**Courses:** Oil & Gas Law I and II, Legislative Process, Oil & Gas Lease Negotiation

**Contributing columnist** to *SHALE Magazine*

**Experienced** Dallas-based practitioner; served as in-house litigation-management counsel for environmental safety and health at ARCO Oil and Gas Company; and focused exclusively on oilfield-pollution litigation for Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP in Dallas

**Served in the Texas legislature** from 2003–2007 as state representative from District 107

**Serves on** the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission and as a neutral for the American Arbitration Association



**M. Alexander Pearl, J.D.**

Professor of Law; Director, Center for Water Law and Policy

**Courses:** Water Law, Advanced Water Law

**Scholarship involving** Texas groundwater and property rights in extracting groundwater from over-drafted aquifers published in the *Environmental Law Journal*

**Clerked for** the Honorable William J. Holloway, Jr. of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit and worked as a litigation associate with Kilpatrick Townsend in Washington, D.C.



**Tracy Hresko Pearl, M.Sc., J.D.**

Professor of Law

**Course:** Environmental Law

**Clerked for** the Honorable Stephanie K. Seymour of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit and the Honorable Richard L. Williams of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, and worked as a litigation associate with Hogan Lovells in Washington, D.C.



**Jorge A. Ramirez, J.D.**

Walter and Anne Huffman Professor of Law

**Courses:** NAFTA, Admiralty and Maritime Law, International Business Transactions, Human Rights, and Public International Law

**Participating Editor** of the *Baltic Journal of Law & Politics* (Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas, Lithuania)

**Experienced** international lecturer, having taught dozens of law courses and seminars in Bolivia, China, Costa Rica, Paraguay, Lithuania, and Mexico



**Don R. Richards, J.D. '84**

Adjunct Professor of Law; Partner, Richards, Elder & Gibson PLLC

**Course:** Texas Administrative Practice

**Board Certified** in Administrative Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization

**Represents** more than 40 local-exchange telephone companies and electric-utility cooperatives before the Texas legislature and the Public Utility Commission of Texas, and is General Counsel to the National Telecommunication Cooperative Association in Washington, D.C.

**Served as general counsel** to the Texas Exchange Carrier Association and as past chairman of the Public Utility Section of the State Bar of Texas



**Brie D. Sherwin, M.S., J.D. '01, Ph.D.**

Professor of Law; Director, Dual Degree Programs and Concentrations

**Course:** Environmental Health Sciences

**Scholarship involving** trade-secret protection sought for the composition of hydraulic-fracturing fluid in the top-100 *Ohio State Law Journal*, and coal-ash waste in the *Stanford Environmental Law Journal*

**Worked as an associate** at one of the largest toxic-tort litigation firms in the country, representing individuals and communities affected by environmental contamination, and practiced environmental law at the Dallas office of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP



**Victoria V. Sutton, M.P.A., J.D., Ph.D.**

Paul Whiffield Horn Professor; Associate Dean for Digital Learning and Graduate Studies; Director, Law and Science Certificate Program

**Courses:** Cybersecurity Law & Policy, Emerging Technologies  
**Environmental-law scholarship** published in the top-100 *American Journal of Law & Medicine*

**Served in the President George H. W. Bush**

**Administration** as Assistant Director in the White House Science Office and in the EPA, and in the George W. Bush Administration as Chief Counsel of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration in the Department of Transportation



**Gary R. Terrell, J.D. '77**

Adjunct Professor of Law; Partner, Key, Terrell & Seger, LLP (Retired)

**Course:** Texas Land Titles

**Practiced** real-estate law, corporate law, probate law, commercial law, and commercial litigation with Key, Terrell & Seger, LLP in Lubbock

**Former advisory board member** for Texas Tech University's Department of Natural Resources Management



**Roderick E. Wetsel**

Adjunct Professor of Law; Partner, Wetsel, Carmichael & Allen, LLP

**Courses:** Wind Law, Texas Mineral Titles

**Board Certified** in Oil, Gas and Mineral Law

**Co-Author** – *Wind Law* (LexisNexis Matthew Bender 2015); *Texas Business & Commercial Fundamentals of Wind Leasing Transactions* (LexisNexis Matthew Bender 2015)

**Serves on** the Texas Title Standards Joint Editorial Board of the State Bar of Texas

**OTHER FACULTY IN THE ENERGY LAW PROGRAM**

**Richard W. Murphy, M.F.A., J.D.**

AT&T Professor of Law

**Course:** Administrative Law

**John L. Watts, J.D.**

Professor of Law

**Course:** Agricultural Law



# STRONG CURRICULUM



The Energy Law curriculum at Texas Tech University School of Law enables students to learn the nuances of energy law from experts in the field. Students may also opt to complete a Concentration in Energy Law.



## ENERGY LAW CONCENTRATION CURRICULUM

Six courses and a minimum of 15 hours are required, broken down into:

- One (1) Core Course
- At least four (4) Specialized Electives
- One (1) Capstone Core Course

Students are also required to meet the Experiential Requirement for the 2L and 3L years and an Advanced Writing Requirement in Energy Law.

### CORE

Energy Law  
Oil and Gas Law I  
Wind Energy Law and Policy

Emerging Technologies Law  
(Capstone Core Course)

### SPECIALIZED ELECTIVES

Administrative Law  
Admiralty and Maritime Law  
Advanced Water Law  
Agricultural Law  
Climate Change Law and Policy  
Energy Law  
Environmental Law  
Global Biosecurity Law  
Law and Biotechnology  
Law, Science and Environment  
Law and Science Legal Research  
NAFTA and Free Trade in the Americas

Nanotechnology Law and Policy  
Oil and Gas Law I  
Oil and Gas Law II  
Public International Law  
Space Law  
Texas Administrative Practice  
Texas Land Titles  
Texas Mineral Titles  
Water Law  
Wind Energy Law and Policy

### ENERGY LAW SHORT COURSES

Every Fall and Spring semester, the law school offers a one-credit hour short course over two weekends on an energy-related topic. Past course topics have included oil-and-gas lease negotiation, solar-energy law, mineral titles, and administrative practice before the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

# BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

A group of students wearing white hard hats are walking up a set of stairs on a large industrial structure, possibly an oil rig. The structure is made of blue-painted metal beams and has various pipes and cables attached. The students are dressed in casual work clothes like t-shirts and jeans. The background shows more of the industrial equipment under a clear sky.

Many of our graduates embark on an energy practice, whether with a law firm, energy company, or other legal organization. Texas Tech Law gives students the opportunity to learn both the law and industry standards through a variety of experiences outside the traditional classroom.

## ENERGY LAW LECTURE SERIES

Each year, the Energy Law Lecture Series features six prominent speakers who deliver policy-oriented presentations on topics of current interest. The lectures are approved for one hour of Texas CLE credit and are streamed live through the Texas Tech Law website. Past speakers include:

- **Wayne Christian**, Commissioner of the Railroad Commission of Texas
- **Christi Craddick**, Chairman of the Railroad Commission of Texas
- **Drew Darby**, State Representative/Chairman of the House Energy Resources Committee
- **Alex Epstein**, *New York Times* Best-Selling Author of *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* and Center for Industrial Progress President and Founder
- **Allen Gilmer**, Chairman, Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association (TIPRO) and President, Drillinginfo
- **Russell Gold**, *Wall Street Journal* senior energy reporter and author of *The Boom: How Fracking Ignited the American Energy Revolution and Changed the World*
- **Corey Goulet**, TransCanada's president of the Keystone XL Pipeline Project
- **Hunter Hunt**, CEO of Hunt Consolidated Energy
- **Mark Mathis**, filmmaker, speaker, author, consultant, including a screening of *spOILed* the night before at Alamo Drafthouse
- **Phelim McAleer**, Producer/Director, including a screening of *FrackNation* the night before at Alamo Drafthouse
- **Shelby McCue '78**, former land and compensation manager for ExxonMobil affiliate Esso Highlands Ltd.
- **Donna Nelson '86**, Chairman of the Public Utility Commission of Texas
- **Carlos Ortiz**, Mexico's director of information and energy studies at the Ministry of Energy
- **Ryan Sitton**, Commissioner of the Railroad Commission of Texas
- **Mike Smith**, Director of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission
- **Todd Staples**, President, Texas Oil & Gas Association (TXOGA)
- **John Walker**, CEO, EnerVest and Member, Texas Tech University Board of Regents
- **Kathleen Hartnett White**, Distinguished Senior Fellow and Director, Armstrong Center for Energy and the Environment and author of *Fueling Freedom*



## NUTS & BOLTS SESSIONS

“Nuts-and-Bolts” sessions familiarize students with the practical applications of energy law. Six energy practitioners are invited each year to share valuable tips with the students on topics including title examination, oil-and-gas litigation, acquisitions and divestitures, oil-and-gas lease negotiation, exploration-and-production issues, and surface-owner challenges.

- **Nick Brock '06** (Chevron)
- **Richard Brown** (Brown & Fortunato)
- **Greg Curry '89** (Thompson & Knight)
- **Stephanie Hall '97** (Valero Energy)
- **Scott Kidwell '92** (Concho Resources)
- **David Lauritzen** (Cotton, Bledsoe, Tighe & Dawson)
- **Curtis Leonard '79** (ICA Energy)
- **Jon Platt '09** (Baker Botts)
- **Stephen Robertson '07** (Permian Basin Petroleum Association)
- **George Snell** (Steptoe & Johnson)
- **John Stretcher '12** (Legacy Reserves)
- **Brian Sullivan** (McElroy Sullivan & Miller)
- **Barry Thomas '88** (Pioneer Natural Resources)
- **Lauren Valastro '12** (Kelley, Drye)
- **Philip Weems '82** (King & Spalding – retired)







### **SATURDAY MORNING SITE VISIT**

Each semester, on a scheduled Saturday morning, students have the opportunity to tour a local oil-and-gas facility and become more familiar with field equipment and operations.

### **MIDLAND FIELD TRIP**

Each semester, students have the opportunity to travel to Midland on a field trip to learn more about the oil-and-gas industry, an energy-law practice, and the Midland-Odessa legal community and business market.

### **WIND FARM FIELD TRIP**

Students have the opportunity to tour an area wind farm, inspect wind turbines, and learn how wind-energy companies manage these operations.

### **ENERGY LAW INTEREST GROUP**

The Energy Law Interest Group is one of the largest student-run organizations at Texas Tech Law. Through membership, students are able to participate in various energy-law related events and activities throughout the year. They are made aware of exclusive opportunities that are related to the energy-law practice.

# IN THE PROFESSION

Texas Tech Law's Energy Law Advisory Group is made up of alumni who meet to discuss relevant issues and enhancements to the Energy Law Program. The Advisory Group members serve as general counsel, practitioners, section heads, and owners of exploration-and-production companies.

Craig Adams '92 – Matador Resources  
Doug Atnipp '85 – Winston & Strawn LLP  
Charles Boettcher '99 – Waste Management, Inc.  
David Copeland '82 – SM Energy Company  
Michael Cuda '91 – K&L Gates LLP  
Greg Curry '89 – Thompson & Knight LLP  
Mike Curry '89 – Henry Resources, LLC  
Mike Denham '99 – Quantum Energy Partners  
Dan Fergus '83 – Fergus & Fergus, L.L.P.  
Justin Furnace '04 – Hilcorp Energy Company  
Mark Griffin '79 – Rip Griffin Companies  
Stephanie Hall '97 – Valero Energy  
Scott Kidwell '92 – Concho Resources  
Jeff King '87 – K&L Gates LLP  
Kiersten Kita '05 – HollyFrontier Corporation  
Carol Leach '78 – Concho Resources  
Curtis Leonard '79 – ICA Energy, Inc.  
Cottie Miles '97 – Martin & Drought, P.C.  
Hon. Donna Nelson '86 – Public Utility Commission of Texas (Retired)  
Jill Pennington '98 – Davis, Gerald & Cremer  
Jon Platt '09 – Baker Botts LLP  
David Poole '88 – Range Resources  
Todd Spake '96 – Kelly, Hart & Hallman LLP  
Corey Wehmeyer '06 – Santoyo Moore Wehmeyer P.C.  
Ty Wood '06 – Ty J. Wood, Attorney at Law, PLLC

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