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ENERGY LAW
PROGRAM

GIANTS
IN THE FIELD



For more than 50 years, Texas Tech Law's Energy Law Program has been shaped by leaders who helped define energy law.

Today, that tradition continues through nationally recognized faculty and hands-on experiences that prepare students to lead in a changing energy landscape.

The Energy Law Program was established in 1969 by Professor **Richard W. Hemingway**, a pioneer in energy law who served as Texas editor of *The American Oil and Gas Reporter* and authored seminal texts, including *The Law of Oil and Gas*.

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

Following in Hemingway's footsteps and serving alongside Anderson, Professor **Bruce M. Kramer** co-authored several books that have become definitive references for energy lawyers, including *The Law of Pooling and Unitization*, *The Law of Oil and Gas: Cases and Materials*, and *Williams & Meyers, Oil and Gas Law* (since 1996). Kramer taught at Texas Tech Law from 1974 to 2007, holds the title of Maddox Professor of Law Emeritus, and has been Of Counsel to McGinnis Lochridge since 2008.

In 2014, Professor **William Keffer** joined the faculty after thirty years in the oil-and-gas industry with ARCO, Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP (n/k/a Foley & Lardner LLP), and in his own practice, which focused on oilfield-pollution litigation, as well as serving two terms in the Texas Legislature. Appointed in 2012, he also serves on the Texas delegation to the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission. His emphasis on practice and increasing students' awareness of, and exposure to, the oil-and-gas industry has contributed significantly to the growth of the Energy Law Program and continues to guide its efforts to build upon Texas Tech's standing as a leader in energy law education.

EXPERT

FACULTY



Benjamin Barkley, J.D.

Adjunct Professor of Law; Chief Executive and Public Counsel, Office of Public Utility Counsel (OPUC)

Course: Electricity Law

- **Leads** Texas's consumer advocacy office, representing residential and small-business consumers in utility matters before state and federal regulators and courts.
- **Brings extensive experience** in utility regulation, public policy, and government through service with the Office of the Governor and the Texas Legislature.
- **Previously served** as assistant general counsel and public advisor in the Office of the Governor and as an assistant district attorney for Fort Bend County.



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

Professor of Law

Course: Energy Law

- **Represented taxpayers** before the Internal Revenue Service and state tax agencies as principal shareholder of a boutique tax firm.
- **Published scholar** whose work has appeared in leading law reviews, including the *Washburn Law Review*, *Seattle University Law Review*, *Akron Law Review*, and *Georgia State University Law Review*.
- **Cited in *Forbes*** for his expertise in tax and transactional matters.



Amy Hardberger, M.S., J.D. '05

George W. McCleskey Professor of Water Law; Director, Center for Water Law and Policy

Courses: Water Law, Environmental Law

- **Helps shape water policy** through partnerships with municipalities and state agencies focused on conservation and sustainable water planning.
- **Professionally Registered Geoscientist** in Texas with expertise spanning both the scientific and legal dimensions of water resources.
- **Research focuses on** the nexus of energy and water, Texas groundwater law, and the human right to water.



William Hornberger, J.D.

Adjunct Professor of Law; Partner, Jackson Walker

Course: Energy Tax

- **Represents taxpayers** in complex tax controversies before the IRS, federal trial courts, federal appellate courts, and the U.S. Court of International Trade.
- **Extensive experience structuring** energy transactions involving oil-and-gas acquisitions, pipelines, private-equity funds, and international energy operations.
- **Advises clients on** production-payment transactions, intangible drilling cost planning, and like-kind exchanges involving energy assets.



William R. Keffer, J.D.

Professor of Practice; Janet Scivally and David Copeland Endowed Professor of Energy Law; Director, Energy Law Programs; Director, MALS in Energy Degree Program

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

- **Experienced Dallas practitioner** who served as in-house litigation-management counsel at ARCO Oil and Gas Company before focusing on oilfield-pollution litigation with Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP (now Foley & Lardner LLP).
- **Served in the Texas House of Representatives** from 2003–2007, representing District 107.
- **Serves on** the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission and as a neutral for the American Arbitration Association.



Jake Lederle, J.D.

Adjunct Professor of Law; Partner, Wetsel & Lederle, LLP

Course: Energy Transactions

- **Advises landowners, developers, and investors** on renewable energy, energy storage, data centers, and cryptocurrency mining projects throughout the United States and internationally.
- **Brings extensive experience** in energy and infrastructure development, including land acquisition, title review, permitting, project financing, and mergers and acquisitions.
- **Represents landowners** in eminent domain matters and counsels clients on environmental compliance, tax incentives, and complex real estate transactions.



Michael Ma, J.D.

Adjunct Professor of Law; Founding Member, and Equity Partner, Baker | Moran

Course: Eminent Domain in Texas

- **Specializes** in eminent domain litigation, handling all aspects of land acquisitions from negotiations to condemnation.
- **Extensive experience** managing power line project acquisitions, condemnations, and navigating the regulatory process for project approval.



Jorge A. Ramírez, J.D.

Walter and Anne Huffman Professor of Law

Course: Admiralty and Maritime Law

- **Participating Editor** of the *Baltic Journal of Law & Politics* (Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas, Lithuania).
- **Experienced international lecturer** who has taught law courses and seminars throughout Latin America, Europe, and Asia.



Don R. Richards, J.D. '84

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

Course: Texas Administrative Practice

- **Board Certified** in Administrative Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.
- **Represents telecommunications and utility providers** before the Texas Legislature and the Public Utility Commission of Texas.
- **Served as general counsel and industry leader** for the National Telecommunications Association, the Texas Statewide Telephone Cooperative, Inc., and the Texas Exchange Carrier Association, and as past chairman of the Public Utility Section of the State Bar of Texas.



Vickie Sutton, M. PA., J.D., Ph.D.

Paul Whitfield Horn Distinguished Professor of Law; Director, Center for Biodefense, Law and Public Policy

Course: Nuclear Energy Law

- **Founded** Texas Tech Law's Law and Science Certificate Program and directs interdisciplinary graduate programs connecting law, science, engineering, and public policy.
- **Served in federal leadership roles** as Chief Counsel for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Research and Innovative Technology Administration and as Assistant Director in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.
- **Nationally recognized scholar** whose research examines the intersection of law, technology, environmental regulation, public health, and emerging scientific developments.



Gary R. Terrell, J.D. '77

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

Course: Texas Land Titles

- **Practiced real estate and commercial law** for decades with Key, Terrell & Seger, LLP in Lubbock.
- **Brings extensive experience** in Texas land-title matters and real-property transactions.
- **Former advisory board member** for Texas Tech University's Department of Natural Resources Management.



Roderick E. Wetsel, J.D.

Adjunct Professor of Law; Partner, Wetsel & Lederle, LLP

Courses: Wind & Solar Law, Texas Mineral Titles

- **Board Certified** in Oil, Gas and Mineral Law.
- **Co-authored leading publications** on wind, solar, and energy leasing law.
- **Serves on** the Texas Title Standards Joint Editorial Board of the State Bar of Texas.

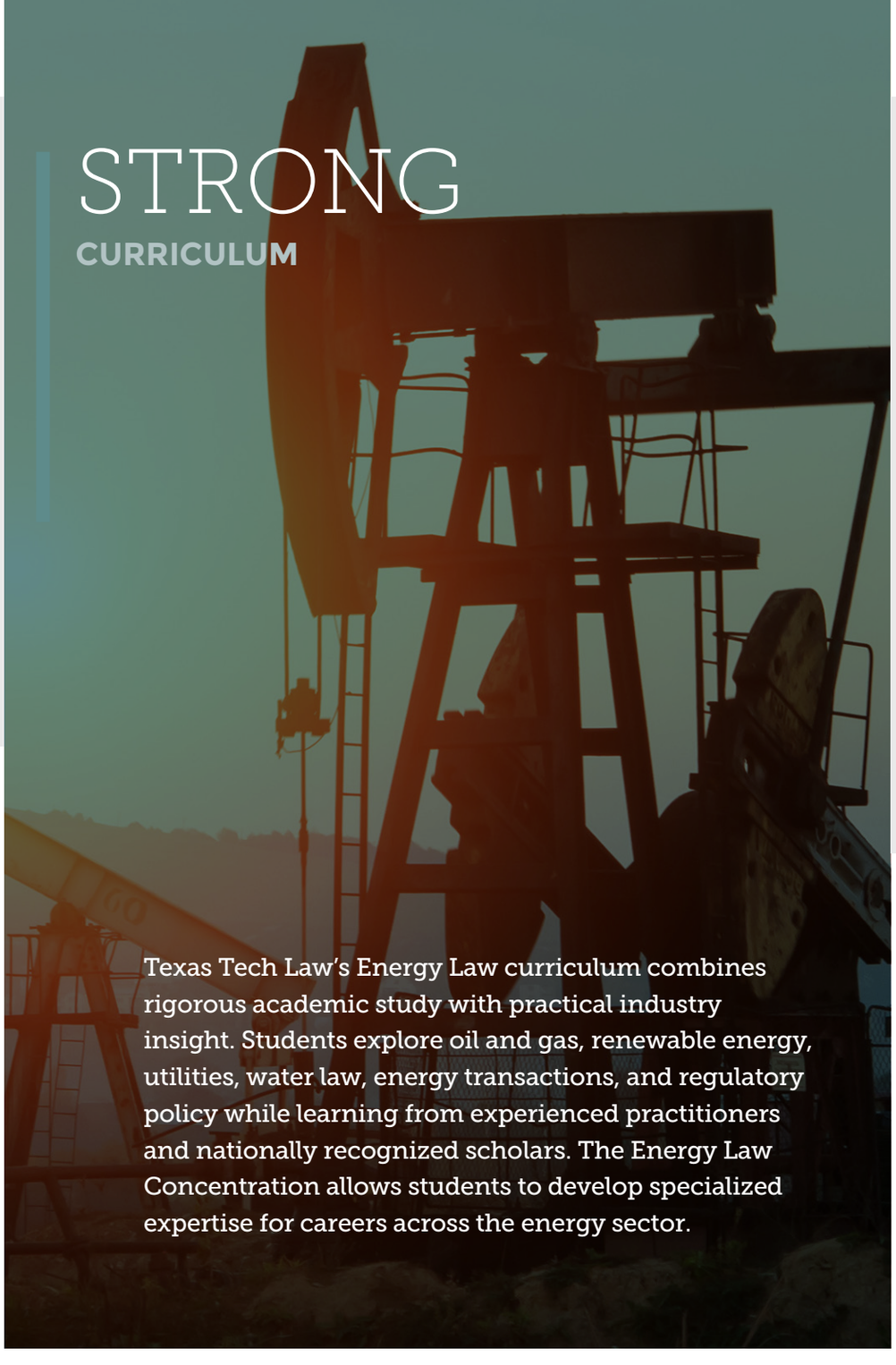


Ty J. Wood, J.D. '06

Adjunct Professor of Law

Course: Oil & Gas Lease Negotiation

- **Represents clients** in real estate, oil-and-gas, and renewable-energy transactions.
- **Brings extensive experience** advising landowners, businesses, and energy stakeholders on complex transactions and development projects.
- **Served two terms** as Mitchell County Attorney and has taught Oil & Gas Lease Negotiation at Texas Tech Law since 2015.



STRONG
CURRICULUM

Texas Tech Law's Energy Law curriculum combines rigorous academic study with practical industry insight. Students explore oil and gas, renewable energy, utilities, water law, energy transactions, and regulatory policy while learning from experienced practitioners and nationally recognized scholars. The Energy Law Concentration allows students to develop specialized expertise for careers across the energy sector.

ADVANCED COURSES

Students can choose from a broad range of energy law courses taught by industry leaders and nationally recognized scholars.

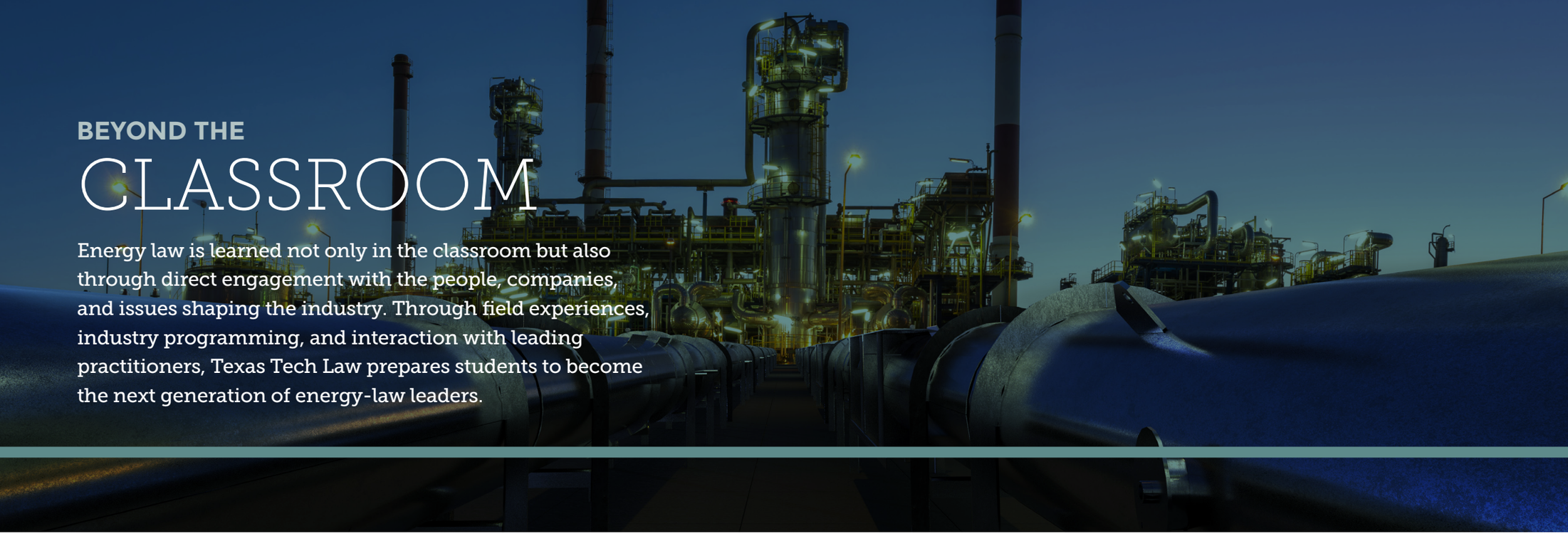
Oil & Gas Law I – *Bill Keffer*
Oil & Gas Law II – *Bill Keffer*
Oil & Gas Lease Negotiation – *Ty Wood & Bill Keffer*
Water Law – *Amy Hardberger*
Wind & Solar Law – *Rod Wetsel*
Texas Mineral Titles – *Rod Wetsel*
Texas Land Titles – *Gary Terrell*
Texas Administrative Practice – *Don Richards*
Energy Law – *Stephen Black*
Energy Transactions – *Jake Lederle*
Energy Tax – *Willie Hornberger*
Electricity Law – *Benjamin Barkley*
Eminent Domain in Texas – *Michael Ma*
Environmental Law – *Amy Hardberger*
Admiralty and Maritime Law – *Jorge Ramírez*
Nuclear Energy Law – *Vickie Sutton*

ENERGY LAW CONCENTRATION

The Energy Law Concentration is designed for law students passionate about energy law, covering topics such as oil and gas, wind, and solar. To complete the Energy Law Concentration, students must fulfill the following requirements:

1. Complete a minimum of 15 credit hours in energy-specific courses.
2. Write a 6,000-word scholarly paper on energy law.
3. Attend five public events on energy-related topics, submitting a 500-word reflection for each event.

This specialized curriculum and concentration are designed to cultivate expertise and excellence.



BEYOND THE

CLASSROOM

Energy law is learned not only in the classroom but also through direct engagement with the people, companies, and issues shaping the industry. Through field experiences, industry programming, and interaction with leading practitioners, Texas Tech Law prepares students to become the next generation of energy-law leaders.

ENERGY LAW LECTURE SERIES

Every year, six prominent speakers bring their expertise to the Law School, delivering policy-focused talks on current topics of interest. These lectures are approved for Texas CLE credit, streamed live, and accessible to the public. The lecture series is designed to ensure that students and graduates are at the forefront of industry developments.

Here are some of the guest speakers we have hosted:

- **Robert Bryce,** Author, lecturer; producer of *Juice: How Electricity Explains the World*
- **Cody Campbell,** CEO, Double Eagle
- **Wayne Christian,** Commissioner, Texas Railroad Commission
- **Micheal Dobbs,** Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Texas Pacific Land Corporation
- **Kirk Edwards,** President and CEO, Latigo Petroleum
- **Alex Epstein,** Author of *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*
- **Allen Gilmer,** Chairman, Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association (TIPRO) and President, Drillinginfo
- **Russell Gold,** Wall Street Journal; author of *The Boom*
- **Corey Goulet,** President, Trans-Canada/Keystone XL Pipeline
- **Joey Hall,** Executive Vice President of Operations, Pioneer Natural Resources
- **Glenn Hegar,** Texas State Comptroller
- **Courtney Hjaltman,** Commissioner, Public Utility Commission of Texas
- **Anne Idsal,** Regional Administrator, EPA Region 6
- **Jason Isaac,** Director of Life: Powered, Texas Public Policy Foundation
- **Phil Johnson '75,** Texas Supreme Court (retired)
- **Ken McQueen,** Oklahoma Secretary of Energy and Environment
- **Jason Modglin,** President, Texas Alliance of Energy Producers
- **Billy Murphy,** CEO, University Lands
- **Dana Newsome,** Chairman, Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association (PPROA)
- **Carlos Ortiz,** Ministry of Energy – Government of Mexico
- **Jesse Pierce,** Partner, Pierce, O'Neill
- **Doug Robison,** CEO, Natura Resources
- **Kathleen Sgamma,** President, Western Energy Alliance
- **Barry Smitherman,** Chairman, Texas Geothermal Alliance
- **Todd Staples,** President, Texas Oil & Gas Association (TXOGA)
- **Scott Tinker,** Director, Bureau of Economic Geology (University of Texas)
- **John Walker,** CEO, EnerVest

NUTS & BOLTS SESSIONS

These sessions are designed to bridge theory with practice, providing an incredible opportunity for students to gain valuable insights into the practical applications of energy law. Each year, six experienced energy practitioners are invited to share their expertise on crucial topics such as title examination, oil and gas litigation, acquisitions and divestitures, oil and gas lease negotiation, exploration and production issues, and surface owner challenges. These in-person sessions offer Texas Tech law students a small-group setting to learn from industry experts and enhance their understanding of energy law.

Here are some of the guest speakers we have hosted:

- **Chris Boyer** (Crenshaw, Dupree & Milam)
- **Greg Curry '89** (Thompson & Knight)
- **Brandon Durrett '09** (Dykema)
- **Demetri Economou** (Kane Russell)
- **Caleb Fielder** (Riddle & Butts)
- **Jonathan Grammer** (Grammer Land and Exploration)
- **Anna Gryska '14** (Woodside Energy)
- **Stephanie Hall '97** (Valero)
- **Amanda Hanks '08** (Chevron)
- **John Hays** (Hays Law Firm)
- **John Holden** (Jackson Walker)
- **Scott Kidwell '92** (Concho Resources)
- **Jeff King '87** (K&L Gates)
- **Kiersten Kita '05** (HF Sinclair)
- **Alex Kuiper** (Kuiper Law Firm)
- **Curtis Leonard '79** (ICA Energy)
- **Wes Lloyd '05** (Freeman Mills)
- **Cottie Miles '97** (Martin & Drought)
- **Jon Platt '09** (Baker Botts)
- **Kyle Reynolds** (AAPL)
- **Stephen Robertson '07** (Permian Basin Petroleum Association)
- **Charles Sartain** (Gray Reed)
- **Todd Spake '96** (Kelly, Hart & Hallman)
- **Brian Sullivan** (McElroy Sullivan & Miller)
- **Barry Thomas '88** (Pioneer Natural Resources)
- **Lauren Valastro '12** (Kelley Drye)
- **Tom Zabel** (Zabel Freeman)

SATURDAY MORNING SITE VISIT

Students take an exclusive tour of a local oil and gas facility and gain hands-on experience with field equipment and operations, providing a deeper understanding of the industry's inner workings in just one day.

MIDLAND FIELD TRIP

An exciting field trip to Midland provides students with valuable insights into the oil and gas industry, energy law practice, and the Midland-Odessa legal community and business market.

WIND FARM/SOLAR FARM FIELD TRIP

During a wind farm and solar farm tour, students examine wind turbines and solar panels up close and learn about how companies manage these operations.

MINERAL TITLES FIELD TRIP

Students gain real-world insights and valuable knowledge when they visit an area title practice and abstract office and inspect property-deed records in an area courthouse.

ENERGY LAW INTEREST GROUP

One of the largest student-run organizations at Texas Tech Law, students can participate in various energy-law related events and activities throughout the year and learn about exclusive opportunities that are related to the energy-law practice.

ADVANCING
DISCUSSIONS

Texas Tech Law shapes energy law conversations through scholarship, industry engagement, and educational programming that connect students, practitioners, regulators, and industry leaders.

At the center of these efforts is the Journal of the Energy Law Practitioner (JELP), its Annual Energy Law Symposium, and a growing collection of educational resources that advance thoughtful discussion of the issues shaping the future of energy law.

EXPLORE JELP

Visit the journal's website to read current and past issues, access symposium materials and CLE opportunities, and explore additional energy law resources.

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THE JOURNAL

Established in 2022, *The Journal of the Energy Law Practitioner* (JELP) is a student-managed publication that serves as a forum for scholarship and discussion on the issues shaping today's energy industry. JELP publishes articles by leading scholars, experienced practitioners, and emerging voices in the field, fostering thoughtful analysis of current developments in energy law while strengthening Texas Tech Law's Energy Law Program.

THE SYMPOSIUM

The Annual Energy Law Symposium brings together legal scholars, practitioners, regulators, and industry leaders to explore emerging issues at the intersection of law, technology, and energy policy. The symposium fosters meaningful dialogue on the challenges and opportunities shaping the future of the energy industry, with sessions available online for CLE credit.

THE ADVISORY BOARD

The JELP Advisory Board brings together accomplished leaders from law firms, energy companies, and industry organizations to provide guidance, strengthen industry connections, and support the journal's mission of advancing energy law scholarship and discussion.

William R. Keffer
Faculty Advisor

Craig N. Adams '92
Matador Resources (Retired)

M.C. Cottingham "Cottie" Miles '97
Martin & Drought, P.C.

Michael D. Cuda '91
K&L Gates LLP (Retired)

Jonathan B. Platt '09
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Kelly, Hart & Hallman LLP

LEARNING

ON-DEMAND

Texas Tech University's Office of Flexible Learning now offers the Law School's comprehensive Oil & Gas Law I and Oil & Gas Law II courses online, providing flexible access to Texas Tech Law's expert instruction anytime, anywhere.

https://www.depts.ttu.edu/continuingeducation/

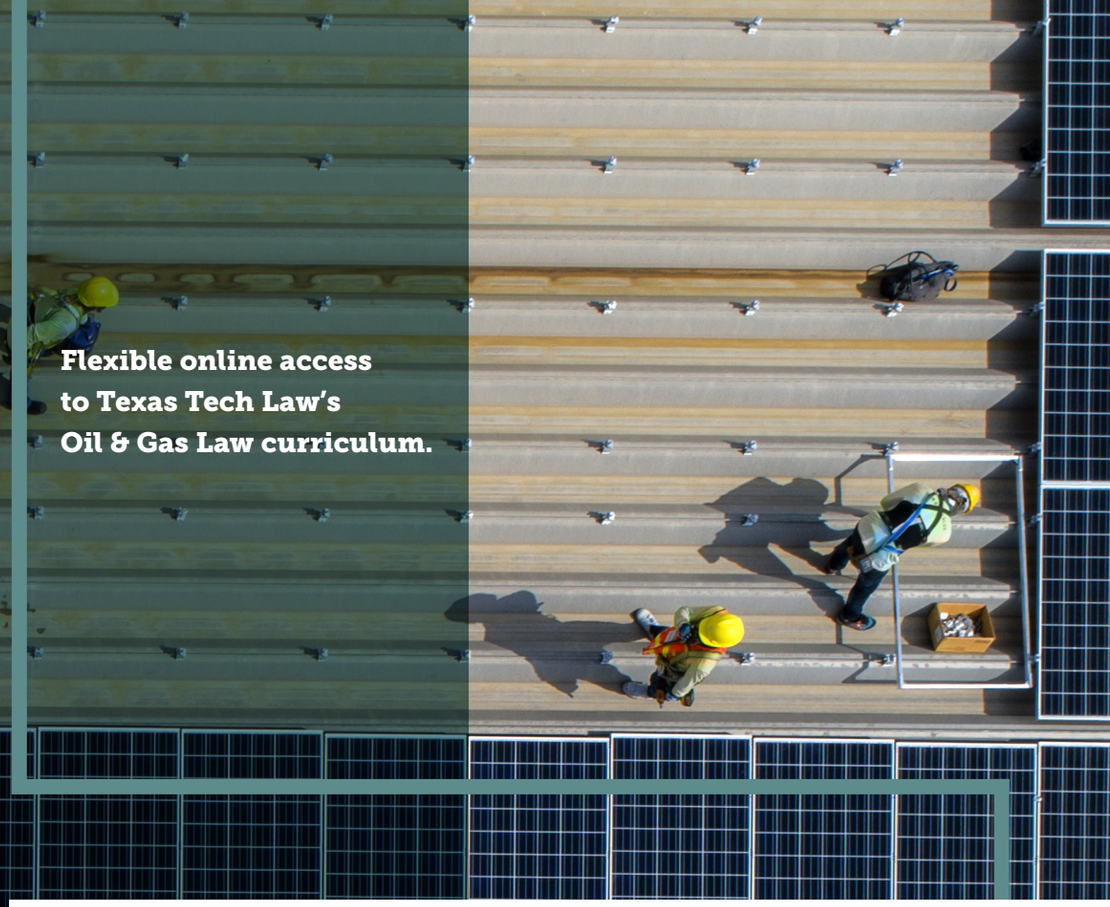
ENROLL ONLINE

BASIC COURSE
Oil & Gas Law I

ADVANCED COURSE
Oil & Gas Law II

These courses provide practical instruction grounded in Texas Tech Law's nationally recognized Energy Law curriculum. They are ideal for attorneys who did not have the opportunity to study oil and gas law in law school, firms seeking to strengthen associate training, professionals looking for a refresher, mineral owners, and others with an interest in this important area of law.

These non-credit courses are approved by the State Bar of Texas for Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit hours.



Flexible online access to Texas Tech Law's Oil & Gas Law curriculum.

Also, available for $1,500 each, these comprehensive courses provide 90-day access to Texas Tech Law's Oil & Gas Law curriculum. Participants may earn up to **34 CLE credit hours** for the basic course and **31 CLE credit hours** for the advanced course through the State Bar of Texas.

COURSES FEATURE:

EXPERT VIDEO INSTRUCTION

Taught by Texas Tech Law faculty.

COURSE MATERIALS & REFERENCES

Access all materials discussed in the video lectures.

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES

Extensive resources to deepen your understanding of key topics.

Course proceeds support continued growth and innovation within Texas Tech Law's Energy Law Program.

INDUSTRY

ENGAGEMENT

Texas Tech Law's Energy Law Advisory Group brings together accomplished alumni from law firms, energy companies, and industry organizations to help guide the continued growth of the Energy Law Program and strengthen its connections to the energy industry.

Craig Adams '92 – Matador Resources (Retired) *(Dallas)*
Doug Atnipp '85 – Egan Nelson *(Houston)*
Charles Boettcher '99 – Waste Management, Inc. *(Houston)*
James Carroll '99 – Coghlan, Crowson *(Longview)*
David Copeland '82 – SM Energy Company (Retired) *(Coppell)*
Michael Cuda '91 – K&L Gates LLP (Retired) *(Arlington)*
Greg Curry '89 – Holland & Knight *(Dallas)*
Mike Curry '89 – Henry Resources, LLC (Retired) *(Midland)*
Jacob Davidson '07 – Davis, Gerald & Cremer *(Midland)*
Mike Denham '99 – Quantum Energy Partners *(Houston)*
Dan Fergus '83 – Fergus & Fergus, L.L.P. *(Abilene)*
Shannan Goss '05 – ExxonMobil *(Spring)*
Anna Gryska '14 – Woodside Energy *(Houston)*
Jeff King '87 – K&L Gates LLP *(Fort Worth)*
Kiersten Kita '05 – HF Sinclair *(Dallas)*
Curtis Leonard '79 – ICA Energy, Inc. *(Odessa)*
John McIntyre '13 – John McIntyre Law, PLLC *(Amarillo)*
Cottie Miles '97 – Martin & Drought, P.C. *(San Antonio)*
Jon Platt '09 – Willkie *(Dallas)*
David Poole '88 – Wick Phillips *(Fort Worth)*
Stephen Robertson '07 – The Eastland Oil Company *(Midland)*
Todd Spake '96 – Kelly, Hart & Hallman LLP *(Fort Worth)*
Barry Thomas '88 – Santoyo Wehmeyer P.C. *(Dallas)*
Steven Toeppich '06 – Toeppich and Associates *(Houston)*
Kimberly Warminski '05 – Sprouse Shrader Smith *(Amarillo)*
Ty Wood '06 – Ty J. Wood, Attorney at Law, PLLC *(Colorado City)*



Guided by accomplished leaders from across the energy industry, the Energy Law Program remains responsive to the evolving needs of the profession.

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