



Oil and 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 19-23, 2015
(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 Owen L. Anderson, the Eugene Kuntz Chair in Oil, Gas & Natural Resources and the George Lynn Cross Research Professor, The University of Oklahoma College of Law in Norman.

Lectures, drafting exercises, 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 2016 course to be offered in Houston.

Federal Oil and Gas Leasing

**October 19-22, 2015
(next offered in 2017)**

Because of the tremendous extent of federal land ownership in the western U.S., oil and gas exploration and production activities on the public domain 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 Judith M. Matlock, an attorney with Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP in Denver. Lectures and exercises will provide attendees with a 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.

PROGRAM

Program order and topics are subject to change

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

- 7:15 – 8:20 Registration
8:20 – 8:30 **Introductions & Opening Remarks**
8:30 – 9:30 **Exploration and Production Operations** (*Ehrman*)
9:30 – 10:30 **Ownership, Rule of Capture, and Correlative Rights** (*Hall*)
10:30 – 10:45 Break
10:45 – Noon **Split Estates - The Surface Use Issues** (*Ehrman*)
Noon – 1:30 Lunch - On Your Own
1:30 – 2:45 **The Oil & Gas Lease: Function and Classification** (*Weaver*)
2:45 – 3:00 Break
3:00 – 4:15 **The Oil & Gas Lease: Defining the Duration** (*Weaver*)
4:15 – 5:30 **Deeds & Leases: Defining the Grant** (*Martin*)
5:30 – 6:30 Hosted Reception

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 8:00 – 9:00 **The Oil & Gas Lease: Implied Covenants** (*Hall*)
9:00 – 9:15 Break
9:15 – Noon **The Oil & Gas Lease: Defining the Royalty Obligation** (*Kulander*)
Noon – 1:30 Lunch - On Your Own
1:30 – 2:00 **Division Orders and Check Stub Statutes** (*Kulander*)
2:00 – 2:45 **Local Regulation of Oil & Gas Operations** (*Kramer*)
2:45 – 3:00 Break
3:00 – 4:00 **Local Regulation of Oil & Gas Operations** (*continued*)
4:00 – 5:45 **Pooling & Unitization** (*Kramer*)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 8:00 – 9:15 **Conservation Regulation** (*Martin*)
9:15 – 9:30 Break
9:30 – 11:00 **Drilling Contracts** (*Anderson*)
11:00 – 12:15 **Environmental Regulation of the Oil & Gas Industry** (*Ritchie*)
12:15 – 1:45 Lunch - On Your Own
1:45 – 2:45 **Common Interests Created in Oil & Gas** (*Ritchie*)
2:45 – 3:00 Break
3:00 – 5:00 **Marketing Agreements** (*Matlock*)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 8:00 – 10:00 **Joint Operating Agreements** (*Barber*)
10:00 – 10:15 Break
10:15 – 11:30 **Farmout Agreements** (*Barber*)
11:30 – 1:00 Lunch – On Your Own
1:00 – 3:00 **Oil & Gas Conveyancing** (*Burney*)
3:00 – 3:15 Break
3:15 – 5:30 **Ethical Issues in Oil & Gas Law Practice** (*Dzienkowski & Peroni*)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 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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Federal Oil and Gas Leasing

Chair: **Judith M. Matlock**
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Continuing Education

27.5 hours of instruction

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

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 – 11:00	Lands Available for Leasing (Campbell)
11:00 – Noon	Unleased Federal Minerals; Conflicts with Development of Other Minerals (Mathes & Sorum)
Noon – 1:30	Lunch – On Your Own
1:30 – 3:30	Lands Available for Leasing - Practicum (Campbell & Caufield)
3:30 – 5:30	Federal and Indian Oil and Gas Royalty Management (Matlock & Tschudy)
5:30 – 6:30	Hosted Reception

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:30 – 9:00	Leases Issued Prior to the Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Reform Act (Mathes & Williams)
9:00 – 10:00	Competitive Leasing Procedures Under the Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Reform Act (Mathes & Williams)
10:00 – 10:15	Break
10:15 – 11:30	Introduction to NEPA and Land Use Planning (Mathes & Williams)
11:30 – Noon	Noncompetitive Leasing Procedures Under the Reform Act (Mathes & Williams)
Noon – 1:30	Lunch – On Your Own
1:30 – 2:00	Right-of-Way Leasing (Williams & Mathes)
2:00 – 2:50	Lessee and Transferee Qualifications (Hande)
2:50 – 3:05	Break
3:05 – 3:50	Assignments and Transfers of Interest (Hande)
3:50 – 4:05	Options and Rights to Acquire (Hande)

4:05 – 4:20	Break
4:20 – 5:30	Exercises (Hande)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:30 – 10:00	Unitization and Communitization (Lee, Hanson, McMullen & Chase)
10:00 – 10:15	Break
10:15 – Noon	Unitization and Communitization (continued)
Noon – 1:30	Lunch – On Your Own
1:30 – 3:00	Unitization and Communitization (continued)
3:00 – 3:15	Break
3:15 – 4:00	Unitization and Communitization (continued)
4:00 – 5:00	Exploration, Drilling, Producing, and Operating Regulations and Procedures (Lee, Hanson & McMullen)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

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 (Nibert & Hembree)
5:30	Adjournment

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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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