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# 1st National Young Energy Professionals' Law Conference



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March 31 - April 1, 2017

Hyatt French Quarter New Orleans  
New Orleans, Louisiana

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### Highlights

- Interview with **Randall Ebner**, Vice President and General Counsel ExxonMobil
- Presentations Featuring Presenters from Baker Hughes, BP, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, ExxonMobil, GE Oil and Gas, Halcon Resources, and Transocean
- Regulations and More Regulations: The New Norm
- Important Regional Developments in Energy Law
- Trending Title Topics from Around the Country
- Getting Your Name Out There: Networking as an Energy Attorney

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## SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

March 30

### Conference Co-Chairs

**Kathryn Zainey Gonski**  
Liskow & Lewis  
New Orleans, Louisiana

**Jennifer Walter Mosley**  
Chevron  
Houston, Texas

### OVERVIEW

Designed primarily for energy attorneys under 40 years of age and those newer to the practice, this conference will:

1. provide young energy professionals with opportunities to network with their peers from in-house and law firm environments to build relationships that will benefit them professionally,
2. provide significant hours of energy related CLE for a low price, and
3. provide professional development training that will help attendees to be better lawyers and to reach their goals.

The conference is co-sponsored by the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division and Houston Young Lawyers Association and supported by BP, Chevron, ConocoPhillips and ExxonMobil.



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THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017

6:30 - 9:30

WELCOME RECEPTION

**The Briars Suite at Pat O'Brien's**  
**624 Bourbon Street, New Orleans**

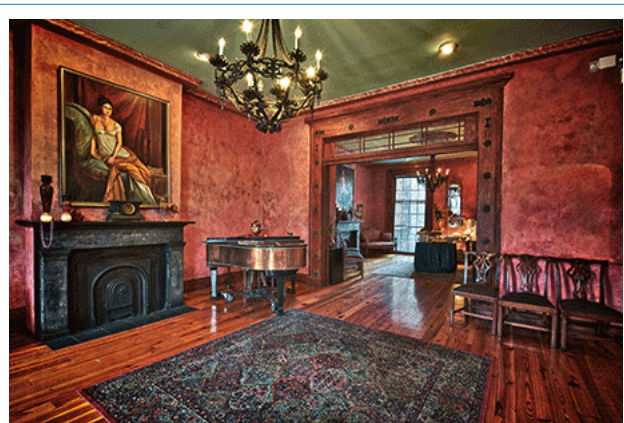
*(This event included in your conference registration.)*

Located on the second floor above Pat O's Courtyard, the Briars Suite is an elegant double parlor with private Bourbon Street Balcony.

Join your friends (and friends to be) for light food and open bar at one of the best locations in New Orleans.

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## 8:30 INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

### 8:45 A GOVERNMENTAL PERSPECTIVE ON THE ENERGY INDUSTRY AND WHAT THE FUTURE MAY HOLD (0 HRS)

— **Congressman Garret Graves**, 6th District of Louisiana, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

### 9:15 JUDICIAL ADVICE FOR YOUNG LAWYERS (1.25 HRS MCLE; .75 PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY)

This panel of judges will share their perspective on litigation and dispute resolution, the mistakes they see attorneys make, how attorneys can be more effective, a lawyer’s responsibility as an officer of the court and the lawyer’s responsibility to treat fellow lawyers and clients with respect and dignity.

MODERATOR: **Kathryn Zainey Gonski**, Liskow & Lewis, New Orleans, Louisiana

PANELISTS:

- **Hon. Nannette Jolivette Brown**, United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, New Orleans, Louisiana
- **Hon. Mark L. Hornsby**, United States Magistrate Judge, Western District of Louisiana, Shreveport, Louisiana
- **Hon. Amos L. Mazzant, III**, United States District Court, Eastern District of Texas, Sherman, Texas

## 10:30 BREAK

### 10:45 A PEEK INSIDE: ADVICE FROM ENERGY IN-HOUSE COUNSEL (1.25 HRS MCLE; .25 PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY)

This panel of in-house counsel will provide advice on improving your practice skills and effectiveness in representing corporate clients, including improving communications with clients and efficiency. The panel will also provide advice regarding how to be an effective in-house attorney. The panel will also discuss the legal issues they are experiencing and what they expect in the near future. Finally, the panel will discuss the importance and responsibility of attorneys to treat each other, clients, and opposing counsel and clients with respect.

MODERATOR: **Jennifer Walter Mosley**, Chevron, Houston, Texas

PANELISTS:

- **Victoria Lazar**, General Counsel, GE Oil and Gas, Houston, Texas
- **Walter Mayer**, Deputy General Counsel, Halcon Resources Corporation, Houston, Texas
- **David Moyer**, General Counsel, Chevron Latin America and Africa Exploration and Production, Houston, Texas
- **Daniel Ro-Trock**, Senior Associate General Counsel, Transocean, Houston, Texas

### 12:00 LUNCH – A FIRESIDE CHAT WITH EXXON MOBIL CORPORATION’S NEW GENERAL COUNSEL (0 HRS)

MODERATOR: **David D. Meyer**, Dean of Tulane University Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana

PANELISTS:

- **Randall M. Ebner**, Vice President and General Counsel, Exxon Mobil Corporation, Irving, Texas

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Room 1	Room 2
<p><b>1:30 UPSTREAM ACQUISITIONS AND DIVESTITURES IN THE CURRENT ECONOMY (.75 HRS MCLE)</b></p> <p>Our panel, combining the perspectives of in-house and outside counsel, will discuss topics relevant to practitioners working in the upstream oil &amp; gas space in the current economy, including our views of the state of deals in the sector and what you need to know to best represent your clients.</p>	<p><b>1:30 GETTING YOUR NAME OUT THERE: NETWORKING AS AN ENERGY ATTORNEY (0 HRS)</b></p> <p>Advice and guidance on building a reputation and a professional network.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <b>Elizabeth E. Klingensmith</b>, Haynes and Boone, LLP, Houston, Texas</li> </ul>

Room 1, Cont.	Room 2, Cont.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <b>Jonathan Ayre</b>, Orrick, Herrington &amp; Sutcliffe LLP, Houston, Texas</li> <li>— <b>Jonathan C. Curth</b>, Assistant General Counsel, Newfield Exploration Co., The Woodlands, Texas</li> <li>— <b>Joe Roger</b>, Orrick, Herrington &amp; Sutcliffe LLP, Houston, Texas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <b>Kim A. Perret</b>, Chief Marketing Officer, Jones Walker, New Orleans, Louisiana</li> </ul>
<p><b>2:15 TAKING IT INTERNATIONAL: FROM NEGOTIATION TO ARBITRATION (1 HR MCLE)</b></p> <p>Guidance for energy attorneys regarding international energy deals and disputes.</p> <p><b>MODERATOR: David H. Sweeney</b>, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer &amp; Feld LLP, Houston, Texas</p> <p><b>PANELISTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <b>Jamie Miller</b>, King &amp; Spalding, Houston, Texas</li> <li>— <b>Joseph Ope</b>, Counsel, Exploration / Upstream Ventures, Exxon Mobil Corporation, Houston, Texas</li> <li>— <b>C.E. Rhodes</b>, Vice President, Legal – Commercial Strategy, Consulting Services, and Chemicals, Baker Hughes Incorporated, Houston, Texas</li> </ul>	<p><b>2:15 DON'T CLICK THAT: KNOW THE RISKS TO YOUR DATA (ETHICS) (1 HR ETHICS)</b></p> <p>This session will explore cybersecurity and other vulnerabilities that cause a company or client's data to be compromised or stolen and what the ethical rules require of you.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <b>Blake A. Klinkner</b>, Crowley Fleck PLLP, Cheyenne, Wyoming</li> </ul>
<p><b>3:15 BREAK</b></p>	<p><b>3:15 BREAK</b></p>
<p><b>3:30 COASTAL EROSION LITIGATION AND THE IMPACT ON THE ENERGY INDUSTRY (.75 HRS MCLE)</b></p> <p>Our panelists will provide a perspective on the challenges the energy industry faces, current developments and the potential future of coastal erosion litigation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <b>Laura Springer Brown</b>, Liskow &amp; Lewis, New Orleans, Louisiana</li> <li>— <b>Jennifer Ferratt</b>, Chevron, Covington, Louisiana</li> </ul>	<p><b>3:30 MANAGING TO MANAGE (0 HRS)</b></p> <p>This program will provide guidance and tips to help attorneys be better managers of employees and projects.</p> <p><b>MODERATOR: Jay E. Ray</b>, Director, Institute for Energy Law, The Center for American and International Law, Plano, Texas</p> <p><b>PANELISTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <b>Wendy F. Daboval</b>, General Counsel and Vice President, Land, Chevron North America Exploration and Production Company, Houston, Texas</li> <li>— <b>Judy Perry Martinez</b>, Former VP and CCO Northrop Grumman, New Orleans, Louisiana</li> <li>— <b>John Y. Pearce</b>, Montgomery Barnett, L.L.P., New Orleans, Louisiana</li> </ul>
<p><b>4:15 TRENDING TITLE TOPICS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY (.75 HRS MCLE)</b></p> <p>The panel will present a high level overview of recent developments regarding key title issues, as well as state specific challenges, providing need-to-know information important for those working in major oil and gas producing plays, including Appalachia, the Mid-Continent, the Rockies, and Texas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <b>Benedict J. Kirchner</b>, Steptoe &amp; Johnson PLLC, Meadville, Pennsylvania</li> <li>— <b>Diana S. Prulhiere</b>, Steptoe &amp; Johnson PLLC, Denver, Colorado</li> <li>— <b>Matthew S. Schlensker</b>, Steptoe &amp; Johnson PLLC, The Woodlands, Texas</li> </ul>	<p><b>4:15 REACHING YOUR CAREER GOALS (0 HRS)</b></p> <p>This panel will provide guidance on setting and obtaining your career goal: whether it is to make partner, succeed in-house, or be your own boss.</p> <p><b>MODERATOR: Jay E. Ray</b>, Director, Institute for Energy Law, The Center for American and International Law, Plano, Texas</p> <p><b>PANELISTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <b>Nancy Scott Degan</b>, Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell &amp; Berkowitz, PC, New Orleans, Louisiana</li> <li>— <b>Patrick A. Dunn</b>, Shapiro &amp; Dunn, PLLC, Austin, Texas</li> <li>— <b>Kelly D. Herrera</b>, Senior Counsel, ConocoPhillips, Houston, Texas</li> </ul>

5:00 ADJOURN

7:30 DINNER AND EVENT



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## SATURDAY, APRIL 1

9:00 REGULATIONS AND MORE REGULATIONS: THE NEW NORM (1.5 HRS MCLE)

This panel will highlight and discuss important regulations in the oil and gas industry, including environmental, employment, transportation, offshore, and state regulations.

MODERATOR:

— **April L. Rolen-Ogden**, Liskow & Lewis, Lafayette, Louisiana

PANELISTS:

— **Tokesha Collins-Wright**, Kean Miller LLP, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

— **George D. Fatula**, Bracewell LLP, Washington, D.C.

— **Paul B. Simon**, Gordon Arata McCollam Duplantis & Eagan LLC, Lafayette, Louisiana

— **Elizabeth H. Titus**, Hogan Lovells US LLP, Denver, Colorado

10:30 BREAK

10:45 ENERGY LAW ROUNDUP (1 HR MCLE)

This panel will present and discuss important developments in energy law from various jurisdictions around the country.

MODERATOR:

— **Elizabeth A. Och**, Hogan Lovells US LLP, Denver, Colorado

PANELISTS:

— **Sarah Casey**, Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC, New Orleans, Louisiana

— **Jay Rothrock**, Vinson & Elkins LLP, Washington, D.C.

— **Mike Stewart**, Haynes and Boone, LLP, Houston, Texas

— **Jesse J. Zirillo**, Dickey, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

## 11:45 ETHICAL ISSUES IN SETTLEMENT AND MEDIATION (1 HR ETHICS)

This session will discuss ethical issues that arise in the context of settlement negotiations and mediation, including confidentiality, authority, communications and consultation with clients, and “ex parte” communications.

- **C. Davin Boldissar**, Locke Lord LLP, New Orleans, Louisiana
- **Bradley C. Knapp**, Locke Lord LLP, New Orleans, Louisiana
- **Hon. Robert Summerhays**, Chief Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court – Western District of Louisiana, Lafayette, Louisiana

## 12:45 ADJOURN

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**HOUSING:** The cost of housing is not included in tuition. However, rooms (in limited number) have been reserved at the Hyatt French Quarter New Orleans, 800 Iberville Street, New Orleans, LA 70112. Registrants should call 1.888.421.1442 and mention "IEL - Young Energy Professionals Law Conference" to receive a reduced room rate of \$199 ++ per night. The last day to obtain this special rate is March 15, 2017. The special room rate is available from March 30 – April 2.

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