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Highlights

- Emerging Issues in the Oilfield: Coping with the Criminalization of Oil & Gas Operations
- Doing Less with Less – Creative Steps to Survive Turbulent Markets
- M&A and Capital Markets Update: The Continuing Impact of Low Commodity Prices on Market Activity, and Opportunities for the Future
- Litigation Update: Recent Developments Affecting Oilfield Services Companies

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7:30 REGISTRATION

8:20 WELCOME, OVERVIEW AND INTRODUCTIONS

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- **David Baay**, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, Houston, Texas
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8:30 M&A AND CAPITAL MARKETS UPDATE: THE CONTINUING IMPACT OF LOW COMMODITY PRICES ON MARKET ACTIVITY, AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE

The cyclical downturn has significantly reduced M&A and capital markets activity in the oilfield services space. In this presentation, the speakers will review recent commodity price activity and discuss possible outlooks for the timing and shape of the recovery. The speakers will also review recent M&A and capital market transactions and the prospects for a future increase in activity, as well as how leverage, shareholder relations and other issues might affect how you and your Board should address transactions in the current environment.

- **C. Timothy Fenn**, Latham & Watkins LLP, Houston, Texas
- **Adam Peakes**, Tudor Pickering Holt & Co., Houston, Texas

9:15 DOMESTIC VERSUS INTERNATIONAL CONTRACTING STANDARDS IN THE OILFIELD SERVICES SPACE

The speakers will discuss key comparative aspects of drafting and interpreting domestic and international oilfield service contracts, including the impact on domestic contracts from newly expanded federal offshore and environmental regulations and state anti-indemnity statutes and the impact on international contracts – especially as to the challenge of structuring a true “Global Master Services Agreement” – from dispute resolution issues and the expansion of express contractual obligations on oilfield service companies to adhere to operational, environmental protection and anti-bribery/corruption regulations and statutes under international joint operating agreements like the AIPN Model Form JOA.

Moderator

- **Robert (Bob) P. Thibault**, Haynes and Boone, LLP, Denver, Colorado

Panelists

- **Josh McMorrow**, General Counsel – North America; Global Head of Litigation, Weatherford, Houston, Texas
- **Eden P. Sholeen**, Assistant Chief Attorney, ExxonMobil Global Services Company, Spring, Texas

10:00 BREAK

10:15 NO RISK RULES FOR REDUCTIONS-IN-FORCE

Downsizing and reductions-in-force remain a fact of life in the industry. Making the right choices on employment challenges can be the difference between millions in liability or millions in savings. Rachel Steely will discuss RIF hot topics such as the WARN Act, must-have severance provisions and the protection of trade secrets and client relationships from departing employees.

— **Rachel Powitzky Steely**, Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, Houston, Texas

11:00 LITIGATION UPDATE: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING OILFIELD SERVICES COMPANIES

This presentation will address key cases and issues involving and affecting oilfield services companies.

Moderator

— **David Baay**, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, Houston, Texas

Panelists

— **Brendan D. Cook**, Baker & McKenzie LLP, Houston, Texas

— **Cortlan H. Maddux**, Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc., Houston, Texas

11:45 DOING LESS WITH LESS – CREATIVE STEPS TO SURVIVE TURBULENT MARKETS

Continued softening of commodity prices has created new challenges for in-house lawyers at oilfield services companies. Despite resource and budget constraints, not to mention an increasingly stringent regulatory regime, expectations for high-quality, rapid legal and compliance support remain. Our panel of in-house experts will provide practical tips on how to “stand and deliver” in the face of these challenges.

Moderator

— **J. Kevin Blodgett**, Managing Director, Morae Legal Corporation, Houston, Texas

Panelists

— **David Isaac**, Senior Vice President Human Resources, Safety and General Counsel, Rockwater Energy Solutions, Inc., Houston, Texas

— **John Sardar**, Chief Compliance Officer, Noble Energy, Inc., Houston, Texas

12:15 LUNCH PRESENTATION

Halftime: Reflections from a Cross Country Sabbatical and Parallels to the Shale Revolution

— **David C. Baldwin**, SCF Partners, Houston, Texas

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1:30 CURRENT COMPLIANCE MATTERS KEEPING OFS CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICERS AWAKE AT NIGHT

Robust panel discussion moderated by Nathaniel B. Edmonds with Paul Hastings LLP, and attended by the Chief Compliance Officers and Compliance Counsel of the top four multinational oilfield services companies (Schlumberger, Halliburton, Baker Hughes and Weatherford) discussing current compliance program trends and enforcement-landscape complexities.

Moderator

— **Nathaniel B. Edmonds**, Paul Hastings LLP, Washington, D.C.

Panelists

— **Jay G. Martin**, Vice President, Chief Compliance Officer & Sr. Deputy General Counsel, Baker Hughes, Inc., Houston, Texas

— **James Prince**, General Counsel, Compliance – Government Affairs, Schlumberger, Houston, Texas

— **Natalia G. Shehadeh**, Vice President & Chief Compliance Officer, Weatherford, Houston, Texas

— **Jeffery Spalding**, Vice President & Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer, Halliburton, Houston, Texas

2:15 EMERGING ISSUES IN THE OILFIELD: COPING WITH THE CRIMINALIZATION OF OIL & GAS OPERATIONS

From the *Deepwater Horizon* Task Force to the *Black Elk* indictment, the Department of Justice (DOJ) has increasingly sought to hold not just companies, but also individual employees, criminally liable following incidents involving environmental damage or personal injury. Moreover, the recent Yates Memo confirms the DOJ will continue to emphasize pursuing individual convictions as a primary method of pursuing corporate wrongdoing. In light of these recent developments, this Program will address best practices for dealing with the Government in the aftermath of an incident, internal investigation considerations in the wake of the Yates Memo, best practices for assessing and enhancing compliance issues prior to an incident, and other related issues.

- **Matthew S. Chester**, Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC, New Orleans, Louisiana
- **Kerry Miller**, Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC, New Orleans, Louisiana
- **Carter Williams**, Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC, Houston, Texas

3:15 BREAK

3:30 TIPS FOR DEALING WITH YOUR BUSINESS PARTNER'S IMPENDING BANKRUPTCY

This presentation will offer practical tips on preparing yourself for your contract counterpart's or other business partner's bankruptcy filing. The speaker will also give an overview of general bankruptcy principles geared towards the non-bankruptcy lawyer.

- **Omar J. Alaniz**, Baker Botts L.L.P., Dallas, Texas

4:15 PRESERVING ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE IN CROSS-BORDER MATTERS AND RELATED REGULATORY AND COMPLIANCE ISSUES (Ethics)

Protecting the confidentiality of your legal advice is not just your responsibility as an employee, but also as a lawyer. But when confidential information crosses international borders, legal professional privilege can be limited or lost altogether. This practical session, filled with real-world examples, will help you avoid the pitfalls suffered by other in-house counsel (some of whom only first learned about this issue after a dawn raid by competition authorities outside the U.S. or a discovery request by a clever plaintiffs' lawyer in the U.S.).

- **Jordan W. Cowman**, Greenberg Traurig, LLP, Dallas, Texas

5:15 ADJOURN

5:15 NETWORKING RECEPTION HONORING OILFIELD SERVICES GENERAL COUNSEL

- **Mark Prescott**, Prescott Legal Search, Houston, Texas

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