New Editor for Energy Law Advisor

The first issue of the IEL's new email newsletter, *Energy Law Advisor*, appeared in September 2007, under the managing editorship of Brit Brown of Beirne Maynard and Parsons of Houston, Texas. Brit’s practice at Beirne Maynard focuses on commercial and tort-related disputes in the energy and automotive industries, but despite this busy practice and his ascension to the heights of managing partner at the firm, Brit found time to develop the idea of an IEL newsletter over a nearly seven year period from its inception to the popular bi-monthly publication IEL members receive today. Brit’s contribution to the success of *Energy Law Advisor* over a long period of time cannot be overstated, with his careful procurement and editing of articles and other content, as well as his gently keeping the newsletter on course during many changes of IEL leadership and staff support. The IEL is enormously grateful to Brit and to Forrest Wynn, his assistant editor for some years, also from Beirne Maynard.

Like all things IEL, no one is allowed to stay in the same position forever, and as part of February’s general change in IEL leadership, Brit passed the *Energy Law Advisor* baton to Harry Sullivan, senior counsel at Conoco Phillips. Harry is well known as an international lawyer and negotiator, and as an excellent teacher of oil and gas law both at IEL and other conferences, and as adjunct faculty at S.M.U.’s Dedman School of Law and at...
South Texas College of Law. Harry chairs the IEL’s Academic Outreach Committee. Harry plans to continue the development of the newsletter from where Brit left off, always with a view to increasing its value to IEL members.

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Renewable Portfolio Standards Among the New England States: How About Some Good Old-Fashioned Yankee Regionalism?
By: Keith Richard, New England School of Law

As announced on February 4, 2014, the Institute for Energy Law's
(IEL) 2014 Hartrick Scholar is Keith Richard, a third year law student at the New England School of Law in Boston, Massachusetts. His paper is entitled Renewable Portfolio Standards Among the New England States: How About Some Good Old-Fashioned Yankee Regionalism? The Energy Law Advisor is pleased to publish Mr. Richard’s paper in three parts, the first of which is included in this month’s issue. Read more...

Pricing Arbitrations: It’s a Gas, Gas, Gas
By: Melanie Willems and Robert Blackett of Andrews Kurth

This article looks at the theory underlying price variation clauses in gas sales transactions, and how to approach a question about the meaning of an individual clause. Read more...

Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. v. Enterprise Products Partners, L.P., No. 11-12667 (298th Dist. Ct., Dallas County, Tex.) (Unpublished), applying Texas law
By: Joshua L. Fuchs, Jones Day and Kevin Dent, Gregory Wagner, Karl Jun of Baker Botts

ELA is including two case summaries on Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. v. Enterprise Products Partners, L.P., No. 11-12667 (298th Dist. Ct., Dallas County, Tex.). The Texas jury in this case held, despite express contractual disclaimers, that a partnership had been created and that damages in the amount of $319 million were due for a breach of fiduciary duties. Read more...

Members in the News

The IEL gratefully recognizes a new Supporting Member:

- Winston & Strawn LLP with the following representatives elected to the IEL Advisory Board: Rocio Mendoza, Alex Niebruegge, J. Denmon Sigler, Craig Vogelsang

Furthermore, we are pleased to announce the IEL has acquired 3 more Sponsoring Members:

- Fletcher, Farley, Shipman & Salinas, LLP with the following representative elected to the IEL Advisory Board: Douglas Fletcher
- Ikiebe & Company with the following representative elected to the IEL Advisory Board: Joy Ijeoma
- Texas International Terminals Ltd., with the following representative elected to the IEL Advisory Board: Scott Mixon

Please help us welcome IEL’s newest Associate Members and representatives on the Advisory Board:
Our newest Young Energy Professional Members are:

- **William Radler** (Petrofac Inc., Houston)
- **Teymur Aliyev** (State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic, Baku)
- **Benjamin E. Foster** (Rutgers University School of Law, Camden Collingswood)
- **Emma Mata** (Seyfarth Shaw LLP, Houston)
- **C. Brendan Cummings** (Ensco plc, Houston)
- **Chalain Jordan** (Access Midstream Partners, L.P., Massillon)

The IEL is also proud to include in our Membership 2 more Law Schools:

- **University of Dundee**, with the following representative elected to the IEL Advisory Board: **Peter Cameron**
- **University of Kansas School of Law**, with the following representative elected to the IEL Advisory Board: **Uma Outka**
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Live Webinar
May 15, 2014

Anatomy of a Project
Houston, TX
May 22, 2014

Acquisitions & Disposals Conference
Houston, TX
May 28 - 29, 2014

Appalachia YEP General Counsel Forum
Southpointe, PA
June 19, 2014

Netherland Sewell School
Houston, TX
July 24, 2014

5th Law of Shales Plays Conference
Pittsburgh, PA
Sep 4-5, 2014