

Speaker #1: Professor Christopher Kulander, South Texas College of Law Houston

Professor Christopher Kulander teaches at the South Texas College of Law Houston and serves as Director of the Harry L. Reed Oil & Gas Law Institute. He is also Of Counsel to Haynes and Boone, LLP. He has taught Domestic Energy Law, Property, Mining Law, and beginning and advanced Oil & Gas Law courses. In addition, he teaches International Energy Law at Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania, as a permanent visiting professor. He is admitted to practice in Texas and New Mexico. A leading expert in oil & gas and property law, Dr. Kulander has published over a dozen law review articles, as well as many other articles with a more practical focus in the industry literature, on diverse topics including energy lending, finance, oil & gas law, land use control, American Indian law, as well as on geology, and petroleum seismology. He is a prolific speaker and expert witness.

He received his J.D. with distinction from the University of Oklahoma, where he was managing editor for the Oklahoma Bar Mineral Law Newsletter and note editor and assisting managing editor for the American Indian Law Review. Before teaching, Professor Kulander practiced for four years in the Houston office of Haynes and Boone, LLP, focusing on energy lending, finance, and bankruptcy. Prior to that, he practiced for two years with Cotton & Bledsoe in Midland, Texas, focusing on oil and gas title and leasing. Before law school, he received his B.S. in geology and M.S. in geophysics from Wright State in Dayton, Ohio, and his Ph.D. in geophysics (petroleum seismology) from Texas A&M University, after which he worked for the U.S. Geological Survey as a geophysicist.

Speaker #2: Mark Christiansen, Partner and Practice Group Leader, McAfee & Taft

Mr. Mark Christiansen is the Energy Practice Group Leader at McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City. Best known for his experience in handling complex energy lawsuits as well as serving in leadership roles in the industry's leading energy litigation and energy law groups and legal conferences, Mark Christiansen is one of the region's most experienced oil and gas lawyers and the co-leader of the firm's Energy and Oil & Gas Group. Over the course of his legal career, Mark has distinguished himself as a trusted go-to lawyer and advisor to energy and oil & gas companies of all sizes, including small and medium-sized independent exploration and production companies as well as publicly traded energy companies and Fortune 500 corporations.

Mark's broad-based transactional and litigation experience includes counseling energy clients on a variety of transactional, contractual and operational matters; the defense of statewide, multistate and nationwide class action lawsuits; and the litigation of lawsuits of all sizes on the state, federal and appellate levels. Mark has been a featured speaker or moderator at more than 100 energy law or energy litigation programs throughout the United States and has authored numerous articles for regional and national journals. Mark is one of only nine members nationally of the Editorial Advisory Board for Energy Law 360.

Speaker #3: Paul Yale, Partner, Grey Reed & McGraw

Paul Yale is a partner and the energy practice area head for Gray Reed & McGraw. Paul has 39 years of legal experience working in both the domestic and international oil and gas industry, 27 years of which was spent with ExxonMobil Corporation and its predecessor companies. His practice focuses on both domestic and international upstream oil and gas transactional, title, and dispute resolution matters. He is licensed in multiple US jurisdictions and has extensive experience in practically all major US oil and gas basins, offshore as well as onshore. Paul has received certifications in both Mediation and Commercial Arbitration (Domestic and International) from the A.A. White Dispute Resolution Center at the University of Houston Law Center. He is Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Oil, Gas & Mineral Law.

Speaker #4: Professor Nancy Rapoport, Special Counsel, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Nancy B. Rapoport is the Special Counsel to the President of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. She is also the Garman Turner Gordon Professor of Law at the William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and is an Affiliate Professor of Business Law and Ethics in the Lee Business School at UNLV. After receiving her B.A., summa cum laude, from Rice University in 1982 and her J.D. from Stanford Law School in 1985, she clerked for the Honorable Joseph T. Sneed III on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and then practiced law (primarily bankruptcy law) with Morrison & Foerster in San Francisco from 1986-1991.

She started her academic career at The* Ohio State University College of Law in 1991, and she moved from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor with tenure in 1995 to Associate Dean for Student Affairs (1996) and Professor (1998) (just as she left Ohio State to become Dean and Professor of Law at the University of Nebraska College of Law). She served as Dean of the University of Nebraska College of Law from 1998-2000. She then served as Dean and Professor of Law at the University of Houston Law Center from July 2000-May 2006 and as Professor of Law from June 2006-June 2007, when she left to join the faculty at Boyd. She served as Interim Dean of Boyd from 2012-2013, as Senior Advisor to the President of UNLV from 2014-2015, and as Acting Executive Vice President & Provost from 2015-2016.

Speaker #5: Patrick Ottinger/Ottinger & Hebert

Patrick is a Partner in the Lafayette law firm of Ottinger Hebert, L.L.C. He has been in private practice in Lafayette since December 1973, with his practice being concentrated in the corporate and commercial area, with emphasis on oil and gas, financial transactions, real estate, eminent domain, mediation and arbitration, corporate and banking matters, as well as litigation in these areas. He is an experienced arbitrator and mediator in oil and gas matters, rendering such services through the Patterson Resolution Group. He received his Juris Doctorate degree in December 1973 from Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, where he was a member of the Moot Court Board.

Mr. Ottinger is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Louisiana State University, teaching the course on Mineral Rights from 1996-2012, and currently teaches an Oil & Gas Seminar. He is the author of the course materials entitled *Ottinger, A Course Book on Louisiana Mineral Rights* (12th Rev. Ed., August 2011), and *Louisiana Mineral Leases: A Treatise* (Claitor's 2016). He is the Chair of the Advisory Counsel for the Institute on Mineral Law at LSU Law Center. Mr. Ottinger serves as an Editor of the Institute for Energy Law e-reporter, a project of the Institute for Energy Law of The Center for American and International Law. He served as City-Parish Attorney for the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government from January 2004-February 2011. Mr. Ottinger served as the President of the Louisiana State Bar Association during the years 1998-99. Mr. Ottinger was recognized as a 2014 Distinguished Achievement Honoree by the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center on September 21, 2014, for "professional achievement and career distinction, service to and support of LSU Law, and service to the community." He serves on the Advisory Board for the John P. Laborde Energy Law Center at the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University.

Speaker #6: Greg Mathews, Senior Counsel, Chevron

Mr. Greg Mathews is Senior Counsel in Chevron's MidContinent Business Unit's law department. Greg has been practicing law for 25 years, and has been in the "oil patch" since 1980. Greg joined Chevron in 2008 and has handled a variety of legal matters involving Chevron's oil and gas assets in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas, and Chevron's governmental affairs work in Austin. Greg was previously a shareholder at Winstead, where he worked nearly 17 years in the firm's Houston office, handling energy litigation and transactional matters, and was involved in law firm management. Before that, Greg worked 12 years as an oil and gas landman. Greg received his J.D. in 1991 from the South Texas College of Law Houston (magna cum laude) and his B.B.A. in Petroleum Land Management in 1980 from the University of Texas at Austin.

Speaker #7: Andy Graham, Member, Steptoe & Johnson PLLC

Mr. Andy Graham is a Member in the Morgantown, West Virginia office of Steptoe & Johnson, PLLC. Andy Graham focuses his practice in the areas of energy and mineral law (oil and gas, coal, and coalbed methane), real estate, and commercial transactions. Mr. Graham regularly assists clients with mineral title examinations, coordinating and performing due diligence, buying and selling mineral assets, and issues related to surface use and compensation arising from mineral development. He is admitted in Texas and West Virginia.

Speaker #8: John Bradford, Of Counsel, Liskow & Lewis

Mr. John Bradford is Of Counsel with the energy and natural resource law firm of Liskow & Lewis in Houston, Texas. He earned his B.S. in Accounting at the University of Illinois in 1977; his J.D. in Law at the University of Illinois College of Law in 1980; and his Master of Laws in Taxation at the University of Houston Law Center in 1991.

Mr. Bradford practices energy and natural resources taxation, finance and corporate law at the state, federal, and international levels. His practice involves advising clients on the tax and business consequences of their acquisitions, dispositions, joint ventures, financing activities, hedging activities, and day-to-day business operations. He has advised clients regarding structuring complex energy and natural resources joint ventures, asset acquisitions and dispositions, and structured financings. He has represented clients before the Internal Revenue Service on audit, administrative appeal, and for private letter ruling requests. He has extensive experience in the energy and natural resources industry, having practiced for more than 18 years as a tax lawyer for Exxon Corporation (now Exxon Mobil Corporation), having worked in energy and natural resource investment banking at JP Morgan Securities, and having most recently advised clients as a principal in KPMG LLP's Washington National Tax practice.

Speaker #9: Michael Sanders, Partner, Sanders & Willyard LLP

Mr. Michael C. Sanders is a partner of Sanders Willyard LLP. He has 15 years of experience litigating business disputes, with a focus on oil & gas law. Mr. Sanders has handled cases from filing through appeal and has significant trial experience. Mr. Sanders has been recognized as a leading attorney. He is Board Certified in Oil, Gas and Mineral Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He has received Martindale Hubbell's highest peer review rating of AV. Super Lawyers has named Mr. Sanders a Rising Star in the area of Energy and Natural Resources Law every year since 2011.

Mr. Sanders' practice has consisted of handling a variety of commercial disputes and oil & gas lawsuits. He has litigated cases involving breaches of contract, business torts, oil & gas agreements (including leases, joint operating agreements, exploration agreements, drilling contracts, and service contracts), mineral disputes (such as royalties, surface access, and title questions), purchase and sale agreements, partnership dissolution, employment disputes, non-competition agreements, commercial and residential construction, and commercial leases. In addition to representing clients in lawsuits, Mr. Sanders is a mediator and arbitrator. He has completed both the mediation and arbitration training courses at the University of Houston's A.A. White Dispute Resolution Center. He regularly conducts mediations, including volunteer mediations at the Harris County Dispute Resolution Center.

Speaker #10: Brian Sullivan, P.E., Partner/McElroy, Sullivan, Miller, Weber & Olmstead

Mr. Brian Sullivan is a partner with McElroy, Sullivan, Miller, Weber & Olmstead, L.L.P. and specializes in Oil & Gas Law and Litigation. He is a graduate of University of Texas at Austin (B.S. in Petroleum Engineering) and is admitted to practice in Texas. He is Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Oil, Gas and Mineral Law and is a Registered Professional Engineer in Texas, specializing in Petroleum and Natural Gas. He was the chairman of the Texas Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Section, State Bar of Texas (2005-2006) as well as being the Legal/Technical Examiner, Oil and Gas Division, and Staff Counsel to Commissioner Buddy Temple, Railroad Commission of Texas, 1979-1981. He was an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Petroleum Engineering at the University of Texas at Austin, 1981-1983 and is a member of the Interstate Oil Compact Commission (IOCC) – Regulatory Practices Committee from 1995 to the present. While at the IOCC, he was on the Enhanced Recovery Committee from 1981-1990. He is a member of Tau Beta Pi, Pi Epsilon Tau, the Omicron Delta Kappa, and the Society of Petroleum Engineers.

Speaker #11: Andrew Potts, Attorney, Kirby, Mathews & Walrath, PLLC

Mr. Andrew Potts is a graduate of Texas A&M University and St. Mary's University School of Law. While in law school, he served as a staff writer for the St. Mary's Law Journal and clerked at The Supreme Court of Texas for Justice Scott Brister. Mr. Potts is licensed to practice law in Texas and New Mexico, and is certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Oil, Gas and Mineral Law. Since becoming a licensed attorney, Mr. Potts has devoted his practice exclusively to energy law, conducting title examination in various plays throughout Texas and in the Permian region of New Mexico.

Speaker #12: Michael Mazzone, Partner, Haynes and Boone, LLP

Mr. Michael J. Mazzone is a partner in the law firm of Haynes and Boone, LLP and a member of the Haynes and Boone Litigation Section in Houston. His specialty is civil trial law. He has tried jury cases in Texas, New Mexico, and Louisiana, representing energy companies in environmental, indemnity, and toxic tort litigation. He is also an oil and gas/energy trial lawyer who has tried jury cases against prominent trial lawyers in Texas, Louisiana and New Mexico, and has handled cases pending in courts in North Dakota, Mississippi and Montana. He also represents parties in construction litigation/arbitration as well as real estate disputes. He is Board Certified in Civil Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Michael has made presentations on trial advocacy, arbitration and litigation at oil and gas industry conferences, bar association seminars, the Texas Environmental Superconference and the University of Texas Law School. Michael taught in the trial advocacy program at the University of Houston Law Center and has served on the Editorial Board of The Houston Lawyer magazine. As an arbitrator, Michael is a member of the National Panel of Construction Arbitrators within the American Arbitration Association (“AAA”) where he is regularly called on to preside over numerous arbitration matters and has been a speaker at the AAA’s National and Regional Panel Retreats, seminars providing training to AAA arbitrators. Michael has given speeches and presented papers on trial advocacy, litigation, and arbitration at industry conferences, bar association seminars, and law schools.

Michael was born and raised in Boston. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of South Carolina, attended graduate school at the University of Michigan, and obtained his law degree from Suffolk University Law School in Boston, Massachusetts.

Speaker #13: Randall Sadler, Managing Partner, Sadler Law Firm LLP

Randall K. “Randy” Sadler, Managing Partner of Sadler Law Firm LLP, received his J.D. from South Texas College of Law in 1978 and his B.S., with honors, from East Texas State University. He also attended the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Administration at Rice University. Before founding Sadler Law Firm, he was employed at Mitchell Energy & Development Corp. and Cashco Energy Corp. Subsequent to founding the firm, Randy served as the interim general counsel for North Central Oil Corporation, while maintaining a private practice. Randy is a member of the Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Section and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section of the State Bar of Texas, a member of the College of the State Bar of Texas, and a member of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation. Randy has been Board Certified in Oil, Gas and Mineral Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization since 1986.

Speaker #14: Professor Matt Festa, South Texas College of Law Houston

Professor Matt Festa teaches and researches in the areas of property law and land use, state & local government, energy & environmental law, trusts & estates, legal history, and national security law. His scholarship focuses on the relation between property rights and public control in land use planning and government regulation; on the role of property rights in constitutional law and history; and on property and the rule of law in contemporary international affairs.

Professor Festa joined the South Texas College of Law Houston faculty in 2007, after serving as a visiting assistant professor at the University of Georgia School of Law. Prior to teaching, he practiced in litigation, land use, environmental, and energy law at Locke Lord LLP. He served as a law clerk to federal judges on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Prof. Festa attended Vanderbilt University, where he was the Executive Editor of the Vanderbilt Law Review and earned a masters' degree in history. Prior to law school he served in the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division, and earned a masters' degree in public administration. He earned his undergraduate degree in history and English at the University of Notre Dame.

Professor Festa currently serves as a judge advocate in the U.S. Army Reserve, where he is an Adjunct Professor in the Department of International & Operational Law at the ABA-accredited Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School, and is also an Instructor with the Defense Institute of International Legal Studies. He is the editor of the Land Use Prof Blog.