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What's New?

With the spring semester well underway, TJOGEL is capping off a lucrative school year by welcoming the newly elected executive and editorial board members and preparing to pass the torch to next year's leadership. The board-elects gathered on March 28th for the first of many all-board meetings for TJOGEL's twelfth year of publication. All are excited to help wrap up Volume 11 of the Journal and get started on making Volume 12 as much of a success as its predecessors.

In March, TJOGEL invited 1Ls to participate in the annual spring write-on competition. After seeing immense membership growth this year in the TJOGEL Society—the Journal's organization for 1Ls—24 new staff editors were welcomed on. This being the largest admitted class of staff editors, the Journal continues to enjoy more interest than ever among UT Law's student population.

The Journal also hosted several roundtable luncheons over the course of the school year, presenting attorneys who focus on issues ranging from upstream E&P transactions to private equity acquisitions to electric infrastructure litigation. At the luncheons, students are able to meet with energy attorneys and ask questions to get a feel for what a career in energy law is like. Firms that participated in the luncheons included Kirkland & Ellis, Latham & Watkins, Norton Rose Fulbright, Jones Day, Andrews Kurth, and Baker Botts.

On March 31st, at the annual TJOGEL/TELA happy hour at Taproom at the Market, TELA and Professor Melinda Taylor, Executive Director of the Kay Bailey Hutchison Center for Energy Law and Business, awarded scholarships to Journal members who have excelled in the study of energy law. The night before, Kirkland & Ellis hosted a joint happy hour for members of TJOGEL and the Texas Business Law Society. TJOGEL will host its next happy hour this summer in Houston on July 12th. Also, please mark your calendars for next year's Texas Energy Law Symposium, which is scheduled for February 9th–10th, 2017.

In addition to the hard work and dedication of all the Journal and Society members, TJOGEL could not continue to successfully prepare and inspire the energy lawyers of tomorrow without the help of the UT Law Energy Center, the Board of Advisors, and our sponsors. Thank you all for your continued support!

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Recent Events

TJOGEL-TELA Spring Happy Hour

On March 31st, more than 55 students and practitioners attended TJOGEL's annual spring happy hour at Taproom at the Market.

At the event, Professor Melinda Taylor, Executive Director of the KBH Center for Energy Law and Business, honored incoming Administrative Editor Erin Lee and incoming Editor-in-Chief Wilson Albright with the 2016–2017 Ernest and Paula Smith Energy Law Scholarship. Additionally, Olga Kobzar and Becky Diffen of the Texas Energy Law Association presented this year's TELA Energy Law Scholarships. Recipients included incoming Assistant Submissions Editor William Bentley, incoming Chief Financial Officer Colin Mize, and incoming Chief Articles Editor Emmie Proctor.

All scholarship recipients were selected for demonstrating outstanding achievement and potential in the field of energy law. Congratulations recipients!



TJOGEL-TELA Happy Hour: Congrats to the Scholarship Recipients! Erin Lee, Wilson Albright, William Bentley, Colin Mize, and Emmie Proctor.



TJOGEL's team holds the trophy after winning Texas Business Law Society's annual golf tournament for the second time in a row. Congrats to Andy Monk, Jonathan Seliger, John Stavinoha, and Jared Berg!



SoFi Happy Hour

SoFi—one of TJOGEL's newest sponsors—hosted Journal and TJOGEL Society members on February 18th at the Rooftop Patio at Hangar Lounge. Over seventy students were in attendance.

SoFi (Social Finance, Inc.) is an alumni-based startup offering low-interest refinancing for student loans, mortgages, and other types of loans. We would like to thank SoFi for hosting a happy hour for Journal members, and we are excited to have SoFi as one of our newest sponsors.

Upcoming Events

TJOGEL Tuesday: Summer Happy Hour at Sambuca Restaurant, Houston July 12th, 2016, 6:00–8:30 P.M.

Join TJOGEL for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in downtown Houston on Tuesday, July 12th, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Board of Advisors' Dinner Etter-Harbin Alumni Center at The University of Texas October 13th, 2016

TJOGEL's annual Board of Advisors' Dinner will take place on the evening of October 13th, 2016, following the annual 1L Career Panel.

Texas Energy Law Symposium February 9th–10th, 2017

TJOGEL's annual symposium is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 9th–Friday, February 10th, 2017. TJOGEL will present the *Professor Ernest E. Smith Lifetime Achievement Award* at the banquet for TJOGEL members and supporters following the Symposium on Thursday, February 9th. Please be sure to mark your calendars for the Symposium! (More details to follow.)

Meet the Board



Jack Chadderdon is a first-year student at The University of Texas School of Law and serves as Director of Development for TJOGEL. His responsibilities include raising funds for the Journal, expanding and maintaining relationships with industry practitioners, and helping to strengthen the Journal's presence throughout the industry.

Jack grew up in Sugar Land, Texas and graduated *magna cum laude* from Texas A&M University, double-majoring in Political Science and Economics. During his time as an undergraduate, Jack worked for Congressman Pete Olson, a UT Law alumnus. In the summer prior to attending law school, Jack worked as a Student Intern for Vinson & Elkins in Houston.

This summer, Jack will be joining the Houston office of Baker Botts as a Summer Associate. In his spare time, Jack enjoys trying new restaurants, following professional and collegiate sports, and traveling.



Johnny Ellis is a second-year student at The University of Texas School of Law and serves as Director of Development for TJOGEL. His responsibilities include raising funds for the Journal, expanding and maintaining relationships with industry practitioners, and helping to strengthen the Journal's presence throughout the energy industry.

Johnny grew up in Atlanta, Georgia and graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in international affairs and a minor in environmental law. Prior to law school Johnny worked as an international trade consultant and as a staff member on statewide political campaigns. During the summer following his first year of law school, Johnny served as an intern for the Hon. Michael Massengale on the First Court of Appeals.

This summer, Johnny will work as a summer associate at both Latham & Watkins and Paul Hastings in their Houston offices. He hopes to focus on mergers and acquisitions.

Recent Developments

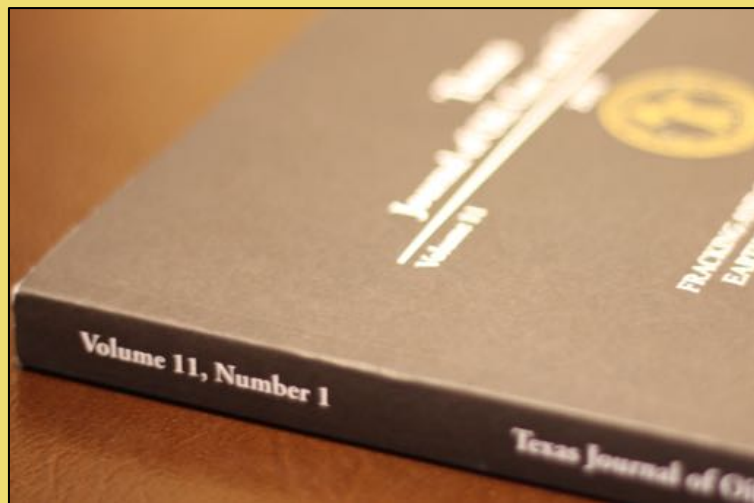
TJOGEL Volume 11, Issue 1

Volume 11.1 of the Journal has been printed, bound, and is ready to be shipped! 11.1 features articles from authors offering a range of perspectives on energy-related issues. To order, please visit <https://law.utexas.edu/publications/journals/texas-journal-of-oil-gas-and-energy-law/>. You can also request a subscription to the Journal via email at publications@law.utexas.edu.

Additionally, TJOGEL Volume 11.2 is in the last stages of publication. Be on the lookout for its publication, or subscribe to Volume 11 to receive both issues.

The Blackbook

The Journal unveiled The Blackbook at TJOGEL's 10th Anniversary Party in March, 2015. The Blackbook is a style and citation manual focusing on oil and gas law. It will serve as an industry-specific citation supplement to the Greenbook Texas Rules of Form. To order a copy of The Blackbook, contact publications@law.utexas.edu.



Meet the Board, continued



Colin Mize is a second-year student at The University of Texas School of Law and serves as TJOGEL's Chief Financial Officer. His responsibilities include setting the yearly budget, managing TJOGEL's financial accounts, and leading the development team efforts to raise funds and strengthen the Journal's relationships with energy industry practitioners.

Colin grew up in Dallas and graduated *magna cum laude* from Texas A&M University, double-majoring in economics and sport management. Prior to attending law school, Colin worked for over two years as an analyst at a boutique consulting firm, where he performed market research and financial analysis for major professional stadium projects in the U.S., Europe, and Latin America. In addition to his role on TJOGEL, Colin serves as Teaching Assistant for Dr. William Cunningham, former UT Austin President and UT System Chancellor. Colin was also named as a recipient of the Texas Energy Law Association Scholarship for the 2016-2017 academic year.

This summer, Colin will be joining Willkie Farr & Gallagher as a summer associate in the Corporate and Financial Services Department in Houston. In his spare time, Colin enjoys playing golf, investing, and attending English Premier League soccer matches.

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2016 University of Texas School of Law Chancellors, and TJOGEL Volume 11 Executive Board members, Cornelius Sweers and Guillermo Alarcon.

TJOGEL Members Receive UT Law's Highest Academic Honor

TJOGEL's outgoing Recent Developments Editor Cornelius Sweers and Director of Submissions Guillermo Alarcon have been admitted as 2016 Chancellors, the University of Texas School of Law's most prestigious honor society since 1912.

UT Law Chancellors is more selective than national programs such as the Order of the Coif, recognizing just sixteen members of each class who have achieved the highest grade point averages through their second year. The Journal is honored to have two of our very own among the highest performing law students of their class. Well done, Cornelius and Guillermo!