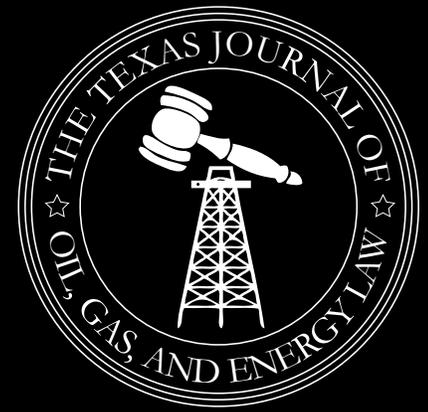


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What's New?

This school year has been a great success for the Texas Journal of Oil, Gas, and Energy Law. The Executive and Editorial Boards as well as the entire editorial team have worked diligently since the start of the 2016-2017 school year to produce the first edition of Volume 12 of the Journal, host numerous events at which law students and energy industry professionals met and discussed trending energy law topics, and coordinate and host hundreds of energy practitioners for the Journal's biggest events of the year—the 12th Annual TJOGEL Symposium and Energy Law Banquet.

Over the fall semester, TJOGEL met and welcomed a new class of University of Texas law students, many of whom are interested in the prospects of practicing in energy-related fields of law. Naturally, this makes the Journal the perfect fit for these young lawyers-to-be. With TJOGEL's expanding network of support from the best and the brightest in both the energy industry and the field of law, UT Law students involved in Journal activities and events increasingly have the special opportunity to foster the knowledge and network that makes a successful career in energy law.

In addition to adding many dozens of new members to the TJOGEL Society—the Journal's organization of 1Ls interested in oil, gas, and energy law—TJOGEL also welcomed an eager and qualified class of staff editors for Volume 12.2. Moreover, as the school year approaches its end and students begin preparing for what lies beyond—the Bar exam for some, summer clerkships for others—the Journal is likewise preparing to turn the reigns over to a new and competent team of leaders. With that said, the existing TJOGEL leadership would like to thank our sponsors and advisors for the overwhelming support and dedication they have shown the Journal over the previous years, and for the forward-looking inspiration they continue to give our members. As we approach the beginning of our own careers, with all of the knowledge and advice gleaned from time spent with those who have continued to support the Journal, we all look forward to the prospects of moving from mentees to colleagues. Thank you, and here's looking to a great finish to a great school year!

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Recent Events



Panelists offer differing perspectives on allocation wells at the 12th Annual TJOGEL Symposium. From the left: Professor Owen Anderson (University of Texas School of Law), Greg Mathews (Chevron), Mark Havens (Texas Land Office), and John McFarland (Graves Dougherty).

12th Annual TJOGEL Symposium. The Journal hosted the 12th Annual TJOGEL Symposium on February 9th and 10th, 2017, at which attorneys, landmen, and other practitioners from Texas and beyond were able to obtain hours of energy-related CLE credit, including 2.75 hours of ethics. The panelists spoke on a broad range of topics touching the energy industry, including allocation wells, bankruptcy since the commodity crisis, oil and gas cybersecurity, and much more. TJOGEL would like to extend a special thanks to Judge David Jones, Judge Royal Furgeson (UNT School of Law), Mark Havens (Texas Land Office), and Professors Owen Anderson (UT Law) and Susan Fortney (Texas A&M Law) for donating their time and unique perspectives to the Symposium. The Journal would additionally like to thank the law firms of BakerHostetler, Jackson Walker, Bracewell, Thompson & Knight, Porter Hedges, Haynes & Boone, Baker Botts, Willkie Farr & Gallagher, Graves Dougherty, Andrews Kurth Kenyon, and Gray Reed, as well as Chevron and LINN Energy, for sending speakers to the event.

TJOGEL-KBH Center Energy Banquet. On Thursday, February 9th, 2017, TJOGEL co-hosted its annual banquet with the Kay Bailey Hutchison Center for Energy, Law, and Business, at which the Journal honored Sylvia Kerrigan of Marathon Oil with the *Ernest E. Smith Lifetime Achievement Award*. Hundreds of guests were in attendance, including many lawyers, businesspeople, and academics intimately associated with the energy industry. In addition to Senator Hutchison, who spoke at the event and helped honor U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson with the *Kay Bailey Hutchison Center Award for Outstanding Leadership in Energy*, the Journal was honored to have Dean Ward Farnsworth, Dr. Dan Jaffe, Dr. Dale Klein, Dean Sharon Mosher, State

Senator Kel Seliger, Mr. Rad Weaver, Commissioner Guillermo Zúñiga Martínez, and former UT Presidents Larry Faulkner and Bill Powers in attendance. The Journal would also like to thank all of our sponsors and supporters that were in attendance.



TJOGEL Executive and Editorial Board members at the Energy Banquet, co-hosted by TJOGEL and the KBH Energy Center, on February 9th, 2017. From the left: Mohamed Al-Hendy, Colin Mize, Wilson Albright, Rebekah Yurco, Liz Furlow, Montana Ware, Genevieve Tarlton, Camie Carlock, and Daniel Cadis.

Recent Events (continued)

Orrick Happy Hour. TJOGE Platinum Sponsor Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, hosted a happy hour for TJOGE and Society members on September 29th, 2016 at Hangar Lounge in downtown Austin. The event was a great opportunity for students interested in energy law to meet with attorneys from Orrick's Houston office, socialize with other Journal members, and enjoy the Austin nightlife. The Journal thanks Orrick for sponsoring this event!



TJOGE Board Members, Staff Editors, and Society Members socialize with attorneys from Orrick, a TJOGE Platinum Sponsor.

TJOGE Board of Advisors Dinner. On Thursday, October 13th, 2016, TJOGE hosted its annual Board of Advisors Dinner in the Legends Room at the University's Etter-Harbin Alumni Center. Every year, the BOA Dinner is an opportunity for the Journal to thank its Board and Faculty Advisors for introducing so many TJOGE members to both the study and practice of energy law, and for helping make TJOGE the nation's leading energy law journal. Without the tremendous support of the TJOGE Board of Advisors and the sponsor firms they represent, TJOGE could hardly offer the excellent benefits it does.



Wilson Albright (Editor-in-Chief) introduces panelists at the 1L Law Firm Career Panel. Panelists from the left: Peter Hays, Jennifer Gasser, Richard Hemingway, J.J. McAnelly, and Carroll Martin.

1L Law Firm Career Panel. Just before the Board of Advisors Dinner each fall, TJOGE hosts a law firm career panel, which is a great opportunity for first-year law students to get an introduction to energy law, meet attorneys practicing various forms of energy law, and ask questions and get answers. On October 13th, 2016, guest panelists spoke on energy issues relating to their daily practice. TJOGE would again like to specially thank the panelists that took part in the career panel: Peter Hays (Morgan Lewis), Jennifer Gasser (Baker Botts), Richard Hemingway (Thompson & Knight), J.J. McAnelly (Bracewell), Carroll Martin (Scott, Douglass & McConnico), Brandon Seale (Howard Energy Mexico), Danielle Patterson (Vinson & Elkins), and Jorge Gutierrez (Norton Rose Fulbright).

Recent Events (continued)

Meet the Board



Rebekah Yurco is a third-year student at UT Law and serves as Managing Editor for TJOEEL. She, along with the Editor-in-Chief, is responsible for broad decision-making and oversight of the Journal. Her responsibilities include managing personnel and coordinating social events, including the Board of Advisors Dinner, Roundtable Luncheons, Career Panels, and Happy Hours.

Bekah grew up in Austin and graduated from the George Washington University *magna cum laude* with a B.A. in International Affairs, a concentration in Asian Studies, and a minor in Spanish. Before law school, she taught English in Ningbo, Zhejiang Province, China. She is business proficient in Mandarin Chinese, fluent in written and spoken Spanish, and she hopes to use her linguistic skills to enrich her contribution to the legal profession.

While at the law school, Bekah has also served as Dean's Fellow, Pro Bono in January trip leader, member of the Texas Business Law Society Pro Bono Committee, and member of the Texas Law Alumni Affairs Student Steering Committee. After law school, she plans to work at the Dallas Office of Norton Rose Fulbright.

Volume 12.1 Release Party. On February 23rd, 2017, the Journal celebrated the release of the first edition of Volume 12 of the Texas Journal of Oil, Gas, and Energy Law. The Executive and Editorial Boards, as well as the Journal's dedicated editorial staff, has worked diligently to try making this edition of the Journal even better than the last. The event was held in the Whiskey Lounge at Rattle Inn in downtown Austin, and was a hard-earned celebration for all of the hard work and dedication that went into TJOEEL's commitment to maintaining journalistic excellence.

TJOEEL Sponsor Roundtable Luncheons. Throughout the school year, the Journal hosts a series of roundtable luncheons, each led by attorneys from one of TJOEEL's outstanding sponsors. Over the fall, a few of our sponsors gave informative presentations over lunch and met with Journal members for general discussions about energy law, the attorneys' specific practice, or life as a lawyer generally. Participating firms in the fall included Sidley Austin, Vinson & Elkins, and Baker Botts. Roundtable Luncheons are offered to all of TJOEEL's Platinum Sponsors to thank them for their support.

Fall Happy Hour. TJOEEL hosted its Fall Happy Hour on October 27th, 2016, at Irene's in downtown Austin. The Fall Happy Hour was a great way for first-year law students, new members of the Journal's editorial team, and attorneys and professors specializing in energy-related fields to meet existing Journal members as well as each other. Many Austin- and Houston- area attorneys were in attendance, and Irene's (a fairly new addition to Austin's nightlife) was the perfect venue.

Staff Editor Orientation. In February, 2017, TJOEEL welcomed 19 new staff editors to the Journal, many of whom were first-year law students who took advantage of TJOEEL's annual spring write-on. The spring write-on gives ambitious 1Ls the chance to become staff editors in the spring semester of their first year and begin their law school editorial careers a semester earlier than editors on other journals. TJOEEL accepts staff editors who are academically qualified and committed to maintaining the Journal's excellence in the study of energy law. On February 24th, 2017, Chief Articles Editor Emmie Proctor and Administrative Editor Erin Lee led orientation for the 19 new staff editors. We are thrilled to officially welcome this qualified class of editors to the Journal!

Upcoming Events

Professors in Energy Panel. TJOGEL is in the process of organizing a panel this spring for all 1L and 2L students interested in energy law courses at the law school. The panel will feature various professors at UT Law who will be offering courses relating to energy law in the fall semester. Details as to time, location, and participating professors to come.

Spring Happy Hour. The Journal will host its next big event on March 30th, 2017, at a location in Austin (to be determined). Each year at the Spring Happy Hour, the Texas Energy Law Association (TELA)—an organization made up of TJOGEL alumni—awards several law students with academic scholarships. The Journal thanks the members of TELA for providing continuous and invaluable advisory support to the Journal and its members. Stay tuned for an update on the location of the event.

TJOGEL Spring Roundtable Luncheons. Each semester, attorneys from TJOGEL's platinum sponsor firms have lunch with UT Law students and give an informal presentation on what's happening in energy law. The Journal will host at least four roundtable luncheons this spring. So far, the Journal has received commitments from the law firms of Andrews Kurth Kenyon, Willkie Farr & Gallagher, Kirkland & Ellis, Bracewell, Morgan Lewis, and Locke Lord to send attorneys to the law school for lunch and discussion with UT Law students.

Meet the Board



Daniel Cadis is a third-year student at The University of Texas School of Law and serves as TJOGEL's Director of Media. His responsibilities include: maintaining the Journal's website, uploading all blog posts, leading email marketing campaigns, and generating all graphics and media for Journal events.

A Texas native, Daniel graduated from Houston Baptist University, *summa cum laude*, with a dual-degree in Political Science and Journalism and Mass Communication. Before pursuing a J.D., he worked as a journalist for *The New York Times* and then as a technical project manager for a digital advertising agency.

In his free time, Daniel enjoys spending time with his fiancée, Torie, and running Lady Bird Lake. Last summer Daniel returned to Houston as a Summer Associate for Baker Botts, LLP in the Corporate and Global Projects departments. He will be joining the Houston office of Kirkland & Ellis LLP after graduating in May.



Montana Ware is a second-year student at UT Law and currently serves as the Assistant Managing Editor of TJOGEL. His responsibilities include supporting the Editor-in-Chief in directing daily operations, coordinating staff work distribution, event preparation and logistics, and drafting the quarterly editions of *The Drill*.

Montana grew up in Fort Worth, Texas. In 2011, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in Anchorage, Alaska, where he also obtained his B.A. in political science, *magna cum laude*, from the University of Alaska, Anchorage. He has been married for six years to his wife, Hannah, and has two children—both boys—Archer (4 years) and Remy (2 years).

This summer, Montana will be clerking at Sidley Austin in Dallas and Andrews Kurth Kenyon in Austin, and at both firms will work in transactional practice groups. He enjoys cooking, exercising, reading, and getting outside with his wife and kids.

Recent Developments

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TJOGEL Volume 12.1. The Journal's editorial team is pleased to announce the publication of Volume 12.1 of the Texas Journal of Oil, Gas, and Energy Law. Over the past twelve years, the Journal has featured many articles on cutting-edge legal issues involving the oil, gas, and energy industry by an impressive array of contributors in the energy and legal industries as well as academia. Volume 12.1 continues this tradition of journalistic excellence—get your copy today!

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Over the months since the last edition of *The Drill*, TJOGEL has been honored to receive new sponsorship. The Journal would like to specially thank Marathon Oil and Dentons for their affirmative commitment to maintaining energy law excellence, and all of the TJOGEL staff looks forward to a future working relationships with both of these new sponsors.

Honorable Mention: Texas State Bar Scholarship. On February 6th, 2017, the Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Section of the State Bar of Texas awarded Sarah Brown, a UT Law student and TJOGEL Staff Editor, a \$1,000 scholarship for academic excellence in oil and gas law. In the fall, Sarah earned the highest grade in Professor Ernest Smith's oil and gas course at UT Law. Congrats, Sarah!

