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Texas A&M Law Energy Symposium Will Examine New Global Energy Regime

Fort Worth, TX, March 22, 2017 – This Thursday and Friday, March 23-24, Texas A&M Law will host the 8th installment of its Energy Law Symposium.

With keynote presentations from Christi Craddick, Commissioner, Texas Railroad Commission, Jim Keffer, former Chair of the House Energy Resources Committee and Member of the Natural Resources Committee, Texas House of Representatives, and Bruce Kramer, McGinnis Lochridge, the symposium will explore the future of the global energy regime.

Specifically, the conference will examine the energy industry's transitions, including the downturn in the oil market and related bankruptcies and OPEC's recent announcement to reduce production. Conference sessions will also discuss new opportunities and challenges for the industry under a Trump presidency, particularly in light of the fact that the United States is now a net exporter of gas and refined petroleum products.

Keynoters will be joined by the following, who will facilitate panel and debate sessions on legislative and regulatory priorities, power generation, allocation wells, transboundary resource management and environmental considerations:

- Ronnie Blackwell, XTO Energy, Inc.
- James Bradbury, James D. Bradbury PLLC
- Bech Bruun, Chairman, Texas Water Development Board
- David Cooney, Director of the Enforcement Section, Railroad Commission of Texas Office of General Counsel
- Andrew Derman, Thompson & Knight LLP
- H. Martin Gibson, Locke Lord LLP
- Michael Goldman, Goldman Law, P.C.
- Keith Hall, Associate Professor of Law and Director, Mineral Law Institute, LSU
- Jose Luis Herrera, International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds
- Richard Hyde, Executive Director, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- Russell Johnson, McGinnis Lochridge
- Warren Lasher, Director of System Planning, Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT)
- Brian Lloyd, Executive Director of the Public Utility Commission of Texas
- Greg Matthews, Chevron North America Exploration and Production Company
- John Mitchell, Akerman LLP

- Michael Nasi, Jackson Walker
- Somnath Sinha, Ph.D, Energy & Technology Advisor, ExxonMobil Corporation
- Andrew Stakelum, King & Spalding
- Harry Sullivan, Jr., Kosmos Energy
- Jason Wilcox, Wilcox, Swartzwelder & Co.
- Nawzad Yasin, Consultant, International Oil & Gas

This event is approved for 12.75 CLE credit hours.

For more information or to register, visit <u>law.tamu.edu/energysymposium</u>.

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