



2017 Energy Law Symposium
The Future of Energy

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March 23–24, 2017

Thursday, March 23

Time	Event	Confirmed Speakers
8:00am-8:45am	Registration and Breakfast	
8:45am-8:55am	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Gabriel Eckstein , Professor and Director, TAMU Law Natural Resources Systems Program, Texas A&M School of Law Saurabh Vishnubhakat , Associate Professor, Texas A&M School of Law
9:00am-10:30am	Panel 1 – Bankruptcy Issues in the Energy Sector: Current trends; lessons from recent significant bankruptcies; impacts on related producers and industries	Panel Chair: Michael Goldman , Goldman Law, P.C. Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H. Martin Gibson, Of Counsel, Locke Lord LLP • John Mitchell, Partner, Akerman LLP • Jason Wilcox, Founder & Managing Director, Wilcox, Swartzwelder & Co. Investment Bankers
10:30am-10:40am	Break	
10:45am-12:15pm	Panel 2 – Meeting Power Generation Needs: State of coal-based power generation in Texas; regulatory priorities; options to buy from and sell into the grid	Panel Chair: James Bradbury , James D. Bradbury PLLC Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Nasi, Partner, Jackson Walker • Brian Lloyd, Executive Director of the Public Utility Commission of Texas • Warren Lasher, Director of System Planning, Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT)



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12:20pm-1:50pm	<i>Lunch</i>	
12:55pm-1:00pm	<i>Dean's Welcome</i>	<i>Andrew Morriss</i> , Dean and Anthony G. Buzbee Dean's Endowed Chair, Texas A&M University School of Law
1:00pm-1:50pm	<i>Luncheon Keynote:</i> Recent and emerging judicial decisions in Texas across a wide range of energy sectors	<i>Bruce Kramer</i> , Of Counsel, McGinnis Lochridge
2:00pm-2:45pm	<i>Distinguished Keynote:</i> Current Activities of the Texas Railroad Commission	<i>Christi Craddick</i> , Commissioner, Texas Railroad Commission
2:45pm-2:55pm	<i>Break</i>	
3:00pm-4:15pm	<i>Hot Topic:</i> Legal & Policy Challenges Surrounding Allocation Wells	<i>Greg Mathews</i> , Chevron USA Inc.
4:15pm-4:30pm	<i>Closing Remarks – Day 1</i>	<i>Gabriel Eckstein</i> , Professor and Director, TAMU Law Natural Resources Systems Program, Texas A&M School of Law
4:30pm-5:30pm	Reception	

Friday, March 24

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8:00am-8:45am	<i>Registration and Breakfast</i>	
8:45am-8:55am	<i>Welcome and Opening Remarks</i>	<i>Gabriel Eckstein</i> , Professor and Director, TAMU Law Natural Resources Systems Program, Texas A&M School of Law <i>Saurabh Vishnubhakat</i> , Associate Professor, Texas A&M School of Law
9:00am-10:30am	<i>Panel 3 – Regulating and Managing Energy Resource Across International Borders:</i> Approaches to transboundary regulation and resource management with a focus on the U.S.-Mexico relationship	<i>Panel Chair: Harry Sullivan, Jr.</i> , International Energy Attorney, Kosmos Energy <i>Panelists</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Andrew Derman</i>, Thompson & Knight, co-chair of the AIPN Model Unitization Agreement • <i>Jose Luis Herrera</i>, International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds • <i>Nawzad Yasin</i>, Consultant - International Oil & Gas Law
10:30am-10:40am	<i>Break</i>	
10:45am-12:15pm	<i>Panel 4 – Water Resources Issues in Energy Production:</i> Water resource usage for energy production; avenues for growth, and international implications.	<i>Panel Chair: James Bradbury</i> , James D. Bradbury PLLC <i>Panelists</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bech Bruun</i>, Chairman, Texas Water Development Board • <i>Richard Hyde</i>, Executive Director, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality • <i>Russell Johnson</i>, Partner, McGinnis Lochridge
12:20pm-1:50pm	<i>Lunch</i>	
1:00pm-1:50pm	<i>Luncheon Keynote:</i> Current Priorities of the Texas Legislature	<i>Jim Keffer</i> , former Member and Chair of the Natural Resources Committee, Texas House of Representatives



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2:00pm-3:30pm	Panel 5 – Environmental Considerations in the Energy Sector: Panel on impacts of energy production on species and resources	Panel Chair: <i>Michael Goldman</i> , Goldman Law, P.C. Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Andrew Stakelum</i>, Senior Associate, King & Spalding • <i>David Cooney</i>, Director of the Enforcement Section in the Railroad Commission of Texas Office of General Counsel • <i>Keith Hall</i>, Campanile Charities Associate Professor of Energy Law and Director, Mineral Law Institute, Louisiana State University School of Law
3:30pm-3:40pm	Break	
3:45pm-4:45pm	Hot Topic: Projected Usage of Energy and Sectors of Growth	Somnath Sinha , Ph.D, Energy & Technology Advisor, ExxonMobil Corporation
4:45pm-5:00pm	Closing Remarks – Day 2	Michael Goldman , Goldman Law, P.C.
5:00pm-6:15pm	Joint Energy Symposium / IEL Career Paths Program Reception	

Saturday, March 25

Time	Description	Details available at
8:30am-4:30pm	Institute for Energy Law 5th Annual Career Paths for Young Attorneys in the Energy Sector	http://www.cailaw.org/institute-for-energy-law/events/2017/career-paths.html