



# OCAPLTA 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

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### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Governor Kevin Stitt**

**"The Impact of the Oil and Gas Industry  
on Oklahoma's Economy"**



**APRIL 18, 2019**  
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#### "Ethics"

**Jim Dewbre, Vice-President – Land, Chesapeake Energy Corporation**

This presentation shall include, but not be limited to, the definition and background of ethics, a brief synopsis of ethical terms, continue with a delineation of ethical conduct and then conclude with the standards of ethical practice for all oil and gas professionals.

#### "Shut In Provisions and their Effects"

**Roberto Seda, JD, Partner, Ball Morse Lowe, PLLC**

This presentation will focus on understanding the shut-in provision within a lease and will discuss its impact across multiple states.

#### "OCC Authority to Force Pool for Curative Purposes"

**Matthew J. Allen, Partner at Conner & Winters, PLLC**

A review of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission's authority to force pool "curative" parties, particularly top lessees

#### "Range War: Conflicts between Oil & Gas Operations and Wind Farms"

**Wyatt Swinford, attorney, Elias, Books, Brown & Nelson, P.C.**

This presentation outlines the potential conflicts in the field between oil and gas operations and wind farm structures. The presentation covers economic drivers of the respective industries, the various components of the potential conflicts, and discusses how the law would analyze and possibly resolve the disputes.

#### "Mixing Oil and Water: Groundwater Concerns with Oil & Gas Development"

**Kimberly Wurtz, attorney, Ball Morse Lowe, PLLC**

A presentation focusing on the big legal concerns with groundwater in oil and gas development, and examining the current issues in Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico, including: - Operator concerns - Surface owner concerns - State laws and Surface Damages Acts - Options and future protections (recycling and reuse)

#### "Keeping the Lease Alive with the Continuous Drilling Provision"

**Jerris Johnson, CPL, SubTerra Resources LLC**

This presentation will review the common and not-so-common variations of the continuous drilling provision in oil and gas leases and the when, why, and how it should be used. It will further explore the pitfalls in negotiation and the wording of the provision and acknowledge through industry experiences what has been determined to be required in order to ensure proper compliance.

#### WEBINAR:

For those outside the Oklahoma City Metro area, OCAPLTA is proud to offer this symposium in a live-streaming webinar option. Upon registering for the webinar option of this seminar, you will receive an e-mail with instructions, and (once payment is received) a weblink for the scheduled event. You will have the option to ask questions of the speakers if you wish.

**7 CPLTA Credits – 5 Core/1 Non-core/1 Ethics**

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**AAPL – 7 Credits – 6 RL, RPL or CPL/ 1 CEU (Ethics)**





## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual OCAPLTA Symposium Presents:

- 7:30 – 8:00** Registration & Continental Breakfast/Vendor Fair
- 8:00 – 9:00** **“Ethics - Why Are They Important”**  
**Jim Dewbre, Vice-President – Land, Chesapeake Energy Corporation**  
This presentation shall include, but not be limited to, the definition and background of ethics, a brief synopsis of ethical terms, continue with a delineation of ethical conduct and then conclude with the standards of ethical practice for all oil and gas professionals.
- 9:00 – 10:00** **“Shut In Provisions and their Effects”**  
**Roberto Seda, JD, Partner, Ball Morse Lowe, PLLC**  
This presentation will focus on understanding the shut-in provision within a lease and will discuss its impact across multiple states.
- 10:00 – 10:30** Break/Vendor Fair
- 10:30 – 11:30** **“OCC Authority to Force Pool for Curative Purposes”**  
**Matthew J. Allen, Partner at Conner & Winters, PLLC**  
A review of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission’s authority to force pool “curative” parties, particularly top lessees.
- 11:30 – 12:30** Lunch – Keynote Speaker – **Governor Kevin Stitt**  
**“The Impact of the Oil and Gas Industry on Oklahoma’s Economy”**
- 12:30 – 1:00** Break/Vendor Fair
- 1:00 – 2:00** **“Range War: Conflicts between Oil & Gas Operations and Wind Farms”**  
**Wyatt Swinford, attorney, Elias, Books, Brown & Nelson, P.C.**  
This presentation outlines the potential conflicts in the field between oil and gas operations and wind farm structures. The presentation covers economic drivers of the respective industries, the various components of the potential conflicts, and discusses how the law would analyze and possibly resolve the disputes.
- 2:00 – 3:00** **"Mixing Oil and Water: Groundwater Concerns with Oil & Gas Development"**  
**Kimberly Wurtz, attorney, Ball Morse Lowe, PLLC**  
A presentation focusing on the big legal concerns with groundwater in oil and gas development, and examining the current issues in Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico, including:  
- Operator concerns  
- Surface owner concerns  
- State laws and Surface Damages Acts  
- Options and future protections (recycling and reuse)
- 3:00 - 3:30** Afternoon Break/ Door Prize, Vendor & Great Giveaway Drawings
- 3:30 – 4:30** **“Keeping the Lease Alive with the Continuous Drilling Provision”**  
**Jerris Johnson, CPL, SubTerra Resources LLC**  
This presentation will review the common and not-so-common variations of the continuous drilling provision in oil and gas leases and the when, why, and how it should be used. It will further explore the pitfalls in negotiation and the wording of the provision and acknowledge through industry experiences what has been determined to be required in order to ensure proper compliance.

## **Governor Kevin Stitt**



J. Kevin Stitt is the 28th governor of Oklahoma. Stitt is leading the state with a vision to become Top Ten in critical categories, from government efficiency to job growth, infrastructure, education, and healthcare.

Governor Stitt is an Oklahoman entrepreneur and businessman who founded a mortgage company, Gateway, in 2000 with \$1,000 and a computer. By delivering strong leadership and vision, grew Gateway into a nationwide mortgage company that today employs 1,200 people, has 164 field offices in 41 states, and holds a loan servicing portfolio of more than \$16 billion.

Governor Stitt is a fourth-generation Oklahoman, raised in Norman where his dad was a pastor of a Bible church and spent many summers as a youth in Skiatook where his grandfather owned a dairy farm. Stitt graduated from Norman High School and worked his way through Oklahoma State University by selling books with the Southwestern Company. Stitt is a man driven by faith and family. He has been married to his wife, Sarah, for nearly 20 years. Together, they have six children and call Tulsa home.



## **Jim R. Dewbre, CPL, Chesapeake Energy Corp**

Jim R. Dewbre received his BBA in Petroleum Land Management (1983) from the University of Oklahoma. He received his MBA in General Management (1987) from Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi (formerly known as Corpus Christi State University). Mr. Dewbre started his professional career upon graduation as a Landman at Fina Oil & Chemical Company. He has held roles with increasing responsibilities at Columbia Gas, EOG Resources, Cabot and Southwestern Energy.

In July 2017, he joined Chesapeake Energy Corporation as Vice President – Land. In this role he is responsible for the overall direction and coordination of leasehold acquisitions and trade opportunities, division order and associated revenue interest payments and lease administration functions.

Mr. Dewbre previously served as President of the North Houston Association of Professional Landmen and was a member of the American Association of Professional Landmen (AAPL) Certification Committee. In 2005, he was honored as the AAPL Landman of the Year. In 2011 Jim served as First Vice President and in 2012 he served as President of AAPL. He served in 2015 as Chairman of the AAPL Nominating Committee and is the Chairman of the Board of Advisors of the Energy Management Program at The University of Oklahoma. He also serves on the Board of Advisors at the Energy Management Schools at the University of Tulsa and University of West Virginia.

In May of 2017, Mr. Dewbre received the Regents' Alumni Award for his dedication and service to the University of Oklahoma.



### **Roberto Seda, JD, Partner, Ball, Morse, Lowe PLLC**

Roberto is a partner with Ball Morse Lowe, PLLC. He received his Bachelors of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Oklahoma State University, his Masters of Business Administration from Oklahoma City University and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma College of Law.

Before attending law school, Roberto worked in various production management positions for General Motors and Spirit Aerosystems and also became a Certified Quality Engineer through the American Society of Quality.

Since graduation from law school, Roberto's practice has focused on oil and gas and real estate law, with an emphasis on title examination. Roberto is an active member of the Oklahoma Title Examination Standards as well a volunteer with Trinity Legal Clinic of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City that provides legal services to needy individuals in the community.

Roberto is licensed in Oklahoma and is registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Roberto and his wife, Becky, have three sons: Alex, Landon and Cole. His family is active at the Central Church of Christ where Roberto serves as a deacon for the congregation.



### **Matthew J. Allen, Partner at Conner & Winters, PLLC**

Matthew J. Allen was born in Lubbock, Texas in 1980. Mr. Allen graduated from the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics in 1998 and the University of Oklahoma with a B.A. in 2003 and with a J.D. in 2007. Mr. Allen specializes in oil and gas conservation matters before the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, including in both legislative and adjudicative proceedings. Mr. Allen was named to the Journal Record's Achievers Under 40 Class of 2016 for contributions to the rulemaking process before the Commission. Mr. Allen also contributed to the drafting of the Oklahoma Energy Jobs Act of 2017 and the Oklahoma Extended

Lateral Act of 2017. Mr. Allen was a panelist at the 2017 Eugene Kuntz Conference on Natural Resources Law & Policy, and a featured speaker at the 2018 Kuntz Conference. Mr. Allen currently serves on the 2019 Kuntz Conference Planning Committee. Mr. Allen is a member of the Mineral Lawyers Society of Oklahoma City, the Oklahoma Bar Association, the Oklahoma County Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and is licensed to practice in the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma.

Non-law related activities include serving on the Board of Trustees of the Housing Corporation of the Gamma Phi Chapter of Beta Theta Pi at the University of Oklahoma, as past president of the OSSM Society, and as a member of the leadership group of the League of Oklahomans for Change in Alcohol Laws (a grassroots lobbying organization that contributed to recent changes in Oklahoma's alcohol laws, with a focus on Oklahoma-based craft beer breweries).



**Wyatt Swinford, Attorney, Elias, Books, Brown & Nelson, P.C.**

Mr. Swinford graduated from the University Of Oklahoma College Of Law in 2015. While attending law school, he was a member of the American Indian Law Review and contributed his time to the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. Wyatt also gained valuable experience by competing in the Albert R. Mugel National Tax Moot Court competition, which his team won in 2015, and his team's brief was selected for best brief in both 2014 and 2015.

Prior to attending law school, Mr. Swinford, an Okemah, Oklahoma native, worked for the U.S. House of Representatives Agriculture Committee in Washington, D.C., under then-Chairman Frank D. Lucas. Mr. Swinford graduated from Oklahoma State University in 2011 where he served as the mascot, Pistol Pete, and was selected as the 2010 Homecoming King. Outside the firm, Wyatt enjoys helping his family with their ranching activities and working with their Quarter horses.

Wyatt Swinford is an attorney with the law firm Elias, Books, Brown & Nelson, P.C. in Oklahoma City and is licensed in Oklahoma and Arkansas. His practice focuses primarily on state and federal oil and gas litigation, involving issues such as surface use clashes, class action royalty underpayment, industry regulation, and mineral title disputes. Wyatt is also active in his firm's property tax appeal practice, largely focusing on the valuation of midstream assets, wind farms, and other commercial property. Wyatt graduated from University of Oklahoma College of Law in 2015 and received a Bachelor's degree in Agribusiness from Oklahoma State University in 2011. While at OSU, Wyatt served as the Pistol Pete mascot for the university. Between his undergraduate and law school studies, Wyatt worked for the U.S. House of Representatives Agriculture Committee in Washington, D.C. Wyatt hails from Okemah, Oklahoma where he was raised on a small cow-calf and Quarter horse operation.



**Kimberly Wurtz, Attorney, Ball Morse Lowe, PLLC**

Kimberly is a double graduate from the University of Oklahoma, receiving her Bachelors Degree in Administrative Leadership and her Juris Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma College of Law.

Before attending law school, Kimberly worked as a landman, both contract and in-house, for over 10 years in West Texas, with an emphasis on the Permian and Delaware Basins.

Because of her love for natural resources, she pursued her dream of law school, focusing her studies on real property and energy. Kimberly's primary practice relates to property matters and the energy industry. Kimberly also enjoys legal research and has written several papers covering topics in produced groundwater, estate planning and the transfer on death deed, and surface issues relating to permitting procedures and wind production. Kimberly was born and raised in Texas but she bleeds crimson and cream (Boomer!). She and her husband, David, live in Norman with their two children, Logan and Amara.



**Jerris Johnson, CPL, Owner, SubTerra Resources LLC**

Jerris Johnson is a Certified Professional Landman and owner of SubTerra Resources LLC. He has been in the oil and gas business for 18 years and has had industry experience across a variety of geologic and geographic areas, with the greatest focus being in the Permian Basin. He has had prior management roles with Energen Resources, Chesapeake Energy and PostRock Energy. In addition to professional work, Jerris also devotes time to several volunteer causes, including The Salvation Army, United Way, and his church. While never letting go of his Oklahoma roots, Jerris currently resides in Birmingham,

Alabama with his family.