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Industry News

Renewable Portfolio Standards Among the New England States: How About Some Good Old-Fashioned Yankee Regionalism?

By: Keith Richard, New England School of Law

As announced on February 4, 2014, the Institute for Energy Law's (IEL) 2014 **Hartrick Scholar** is **Keith Richard**, a third year law student at the New England School of Law in Boston, Massachusetts. His paper is entitled *Renewable Portfolio Standards Among the New England States: How About Some Good Old-Fashioned Yankee Regionalism?* The Energy Law Advisor is pleased to publish Mr. Richard's paper in three parts, the second of which is included in this month's issue. [Read more...](#)

Gas Royalty Disputes on the Rise

By: Robert Lang, Navigant Consulting

Litigation related to unconventional oil & gas plays has been steadily increasing. One of the most common types of disputes concerns the proper payment of royalties by producers to mineral rights owners. This article examines the royalty clause, the types of disputes that most commonly arise, and some of the factors leading to increases in royalty disputes, particularly in shale plays. [Read more...](#)

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ConocoPhillips, Inc. v. Local 13-0555 United Steelworkers Int'l Union 741 F.3d 627, 629 (5th Cir. 2014)

By: James E. Rogers and Brian E. Waters, Beirne, Maynard,
Parsons L.L.P.

This Article examines the scope of an arbitration agreement and whether an arbitrator is allowed to determine if certain issues are subject to arbitration. [Read more...](#)

Controlling Costs in Domestic Energy Arbitration

By: The Hon. Mark Whittington, JAMS

This Article examines some cost controlling strategies in energy arbitrations. [Read more...](#)

Members in the News



Mark Robeck Joins Kelley Drye & Warren LLP

Kelley Drye & Warren LLP has announced that Mark Robeck has joined the firm's energy practice as a partner in the Washington, D.C. office. With nearly 25 years of experience in the energy sector, Mark joins Kelley Drye from Baker Botts, where he served as co-chair of that firm's energy litigation practice group.

Mark is a member of the Executive Committee of IEL, on the Advisory Board for the Institute of Transnational Arbitration, on the Editorial Board of the *International Shale Oil & Gas Journal* and has been recognized by publications such as *Chambers*, *Legal 500* and *Best Lawyers of America* as a leading energy law practitioner.

Michael P. Lennon, Jr. joins Mayer Brown



Mayer Brown has announced that IEL advisory board member Michael P. Lennon, Jr. has joined the firm in Houston as a partner in the Litigation & Dispute Resolution practice and International Arbitration group. Previously, Mike was a partner with Baker Botts in Houston.

Mike serves on the Executive Committee of the advisory board of the IEL will be one of the co-chairs of IEL's 66th Annual Oil & Gas Law Conference in February 2015.

Rudi Giuliani to Speak at IEL's Shale Plays Conferences

Former New York mayor Rudi Giuliani has agreed to participate in this coming September's Law of Shale Plays Conference in Pittsburgh, Pa. Mayor Giuliani will participate in "A Conversation with Rudi Giuliani: Shale Development and Energy Security" during which he will be interviewed by Scott Segal of Bracewell & Giuliani. The conference, jointly presented by the IEL and the Energy and Mineral Law Foundation, will take place in Pittsburgh's Omni Hotel on Thursday and Friday, September 4th and 5th, 2014. Mayor Giuliani will speak at lunchtime on Friday.

Conference details can be found by clicking [here](#), and registration is available [here](#).

The IEL is pleased to announce the successful completion of its First Appalachia General Counsel Forum

Patterned on the popular Houston program now in its 7th year, the IEL's Young Energy Professionals' first Appalachia General Counsel Forum took place on June 19 in Southpointe, Pennsylvania.

The IEL YEPs invited six general counsel to share professional and career advice. The program was very well received and sparked great interest to both in-house counsel interested in hearing more about the careers and business concerns of some of the most senior lawyers in the energy industry, and to young attorneys in private practice who wanted to improve their ability to address the needs of their clients



Diana Prulhiere, from Steptoe & Johnson PLLC, Appalachia GC Forum Subcommittee Chair, acted as MC for the event.

The panelists were:

- **Jennifer McDonough**, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Rex Energy Corporation
- **David P. Poole**, Senior Vice President – General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Range Resources Corporation
- **Jason D. Witt**, Assistant General Counsel and Director of Land Management of Murray Energy Corporation
- **Craig L. Mayer, Esq.** – Vice President for Government Relations of Pennsylvania General Energy Co. L.L.C.
- **Matthew Peterson**, Marcellus Land Manager and Senior Legal Counsel of Talisman Energy USA Inc.
- **Annemarie Torrez**, Supervising Counsel of Chevron North America Exploration & Production Company

The IEL gratefully recognizes two new **Supporting Members**:

- **O'Melveny & Myers LLP**

- **Kelley Drye & Warren LLP** with the following representatives elected to the IEL Advisory Board: **Jonathan Cooperman, Wayne D'Angelo, Timothy Lavender & Mark Robeck**

Furthermore, we are pleased to announce that the IEL has acquired 2 more **Sponsoring Members**:

- **De Salvidea Y González Alcántara SC** with the following representative elected to the IEL Advisory Board: **Fernando De Salvidea**
- **Wood Group**

Please help us welcome IEL's newest **Associate Members** and representatives on the Advisory Board:

- **Glen Ashworth** (JAMS, Inc., Dallas)
- **Melissa A. Lombardo** (Goodrich Petroleum Corporation, Houston)

Our newest **Young Energy Professional Members** are:

- **Dennis Oghenerobor Agelebe** (Prague)
- **Romain Dupeyre** (Paris)
- **Shawn Gallagher** (Houston)
- **Sarika Patel** (Keller)

Calendar of Events

Netherland Sewell School

Houston, TX
July 24, 2014

5th Law of Shales Plays Conference

Pittsburgh, PA
Sep 4-5, 2014

International Oil & Gas Law, Contracts and Negotiations - Part II

Houston, TX
Sep 29 - Oct 3, 2014

4th Oilfield Services Law Conference

Houston, TX
Oct 9, 2014

Oil & Gas Law Short Course

Houston, TX
Oct 20-24, 2014

13th Annual Energy Litigation Conference

Houston, TX
Nov 6, 2014



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