A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

A FUTURE OF INNOVATION
GIANTS
IN THE FIELD
The Energy Law Program at Texas Tech University School of Law is built on a tradition of excellence.

The Program was founded in 1969 by renowned Professor Richard W. Hemingway, author of several seminal texts on oil-and-gas law and a pioneer in teaching energy law. Hemingway served as the Texas editor of *The American Oil and Gas Reporter* and authored *The Law of Oil and Gas*.

Following in Professor Hemingway’s footsteps was Professor Bruce M. Kramer, co-author of several important books that have become the definitive references for energy lawyers, *The Law of Pooling and Unitization*, and *Williams and Meyers Oil and Gas Law* (since 1996). Professor Kramer, who taught at Texas Tech Law from 1974–2007, still serves as editor for the *Oil & Gas Reporter* and organizes the annual Oil & Gas Disputes CLE for the State Bar of Texas.

Professor Owen L. Anderson, Visiting Professor at the University of Texas School of Law and Eugene Kuntz Chair of Law in Oil, Gas and Natural Resources at the University of Oklahoma College of Law, was also instrumental in shaping our energy-law program as the Jack F Maddox Professor of Law from 1988–1992.

“Our goal is impact. We have assembled a first-rate faculty, connect regularly with leaders in the field, offer a deep and innovative curriculum, and provide many opportunities for students to learn not only about the law, but also about critical business and policy issues impacting the energy industry.”

—Darby Dickerson
Dean and W. Frank Newton
Professor of Law
Texas Tech Law’s Energy Law Program boasts faculty with backgrounds in energy, administrative, business, and other related areas of law.

Professors van de Biezenbos, Black, and Keffer at an independently owned oil-and-gas company site.
Courses: Oil & Gas I and II, Legislative Process
• Contributing columnist to *SHALE* magazine
• Experienced Dallas-based practitioner; served as in-house litigation-management counsel at ARCO Oil and Gas Company; and focused exclusively on oilfield-pollution litigation for Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP in Dallas
• Served in the Texas legislature from 2003–2007 as state representative from District 107
• Serves on the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission

Victoria V. Sutton, M.P.A., J.D., Ph.D.
*Paul Whitfield Horn Professor; Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development*

Course: Wind Energy Law and Policy
• Director, Law and Science Certificate Program
• Environmental-law scholarship published in the top-100 *American Journal of Law & Medicine*
• Served in the President George H.W. Bush Administration as assistant director in the White House Science Office and in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Kristen van de Biezenbos, J.D.
*Assistant Professor of Law*

Courses: Energy Law, Admiralty Law, International Business Transactions
• Scholarship published in the top-100 *University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform*
• Practiced in New Orleans with a focus on commercial litigation, oil-and-gas law, maritime law, and international law and arbitration
Donna Nelson, J.D. ’86  
M. D. Anderson Visiting Professor; Chairman, Public Utility Commission of Texas  
- Course: Electricity Law and Policy  
- Board Member, Electric Reliability Council of Texas  
- Special assistant and advisor to former Texas Governor Rick Perry on energy and telecommunications issues  
- Member of the Southwest Power Pool Regional State Committee; the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment; the Task Force on Environmental Regulation and Generation; the Texas Bioenergy Policy Council; and the Texas Broadband Task Force

M. Alexander Pearl, J.D.  
Assistant Professor of Law; Director, Center for Water Law and Policy  
- Courses: Water Law, Advanced Water Law  
- Scholarship on Texas groundwater and property rights in extracting groundwater from over-drafted aquifers accepted for publication in the Environmental Law Journal  
- Clerked for the Honorable William J. Holloway, Jr., of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit and worked as a litigation associate with Kilpatrick Townsend in Washington, D.C.

Brie D. Sherwin, M.S., J.D. ’01, Ph.D.  
Assistant Professor of Law  
- Course: Law, Science, Policy & Scientific Evidence  
- Scholarship involving trade-secret protection sought for the composition of hydraulic-fracturing fluid forthcoming in the top-100 Ohio State Law Journal  
- Worked as an associate at one of the largest toxic-tort litigation firms in the country, representing individuals and communities affected by environmental contamination, and practiced environmental law at Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP in Dallas

Don R. Richards, J.D. ’84  
Adjunct Professor of Law; Partner, Richards, Elder & Green LLP  
- Course: Texas Administrative Practice  
- Board Certified in Administrative Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization  
- Represents more than 40 local exchange telephone companies and electric-utility cooperatives before the Texas Legislature and the Public Utility Commission of Texas  
- Served as general counsel to the Texas Exchange Carrier Association and as past-chairman of the Public Utility Section of the State Bar of Texas
Gary R. Terrell, J.D. ’77
Adjunct Professor of Law; Partner, Key & Terrell LLP

• Course: Texas Land Titles
• Practices real-estate law, corporate law, probate law, commercial law, and commercial litigation with Key & Terrell, LLP in Lubbock
• Former advisory board member for Texas Tech University’s Department of Natural Resources Management

Other Faculty Who Teach Energy-Related Courses

Richard W. Murphy, M.F.A., J.D.
AT&T Professor of Law
Course: Administrative Law

Tracy Hresko Pearl, M.Sc., J.D.
Visiting Assistant Professor of Law
Course: Environmental Law

John L. Watts, J.D.
Professor of Law
Course: Agricultural Law

Carlos Ortiz, director of information and energy studies at Mexico’s Ministry of Energy, visited Texas Tech Law as an Energy Law Lecture Series speaker.
The energy-law curriculum at Texas Tech University School of Law enables students to learn the nuances of energy law from experts in the field. Students may opt to complete a Concentration in Energy Law.
Practice Colloquia
Students may enroll in a series of practice-oriented colloquia co-taught by professors and industry leaders that examine both cutting-edge and fundamental topics. The 2015 colloquia challenged students to develop landowner and operator components of a hypothetical oil-and-gas lease.

As one student commented, “The skills I learned during the course have made a noticeable impact in my summer internship with Chevron, as I am able to discuss pertinent lease requirements and look for areas that would affect my client’s needs.”

Energy-Related Externships
Texas Tech Law’s Regional Externship Program is the only program in Texas through which law students can pursue full-time externships and earn twelve hours of academic credit. The program has approximately 50 total placements in Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Lubbock, and San Antonio. Energy-related placements include the Texas Railroad Commission, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and 7-Eleven Corporation.

Other University Resources
As a national research university, Texas Tech University boasts strong programs in areas such as Energy Commerce, Wind Energy, and Petroleum Engineering. Law students may take six hours outside the law school or may apply for a dual-degree program. They may also take advantage of symposia, speakers, and other resources offered by Texas Tech.
Each year, more than 10% of each graduating class embarks on an energy practice, whether with a law firm, energy company, or other legal organization. Texas Tech Law gives students the opportunity to learn both the law and industry standards through a variety of experiences outside the traditional classroom.
Energy Law Lecture Series

Each year, the Energy Law Lecture Series features six prominent speakers who deliver policy-oriented presentations on topics of current interest. The lectures are approved for one hour of Texas CLE credit and are streamed live through the Texas Tech Law website.

During the inaugural 2014–2015 year, the series hosted:

- Russell Gold, Wall Street Journal senior energy reporter and author of *The Boom: How Fracking Ignited the American Energy Revolution and Changed the World*
- Carlos Ortiz, Mexico’s director of information and energy studies at the Ministry of Energy
- Corey Goulet, TransCanada’s president of the Keystone XL Pipeline Project
- Shelby McCue ('78), former land and compensation manager for ExxonMobil affiliate Esso Highlands Ltd.
- Donna Nelson ('86), chairman of the Public Utility Commission of Texas
- Christi Craddick, chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission

The 2015–2016 series will kick off with a lecture by Mark Mathis, Mathis Media, LLC president and producer of the documentary *spOILed*. The series will also feature, among others:

- Heather DeShon, co-leader of Southern Methodist University’s Seismic Study Team that authored a report connecting excessive disposal-well use to a series of earthquakes in the Azle area
- Mike Smith, executive director of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission
- Texas State Representative Drew Darby, chairman of the House Energy Resources Committee

*Below: Attorneys with the Texas Railroad Commission and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality participate in an administrative-law panel.*
Nuts-and-Bolts Workshops
“Nuts-and-Bolts” workshops familiarize students with the practical applications of oil-and-gas law. Six energy practitioners are recruited each year to share valuable tips on topics including title examination; oil-and-gas litigation; acquisitions and divestitures; oil-and-gas lease negotiation; exploration-and-production issues; and surface-owner challenges.

Fall 2015 sessions will feature:

- Cottie Miles ('97), partner at Martin & Drought, P.C. in San Antonio, Texas
- Curtis Leonard ('79), president and CEO of ICA Energy, Inc. in Odessa, Texas
- John Stretcher ('12), general counsel to Legacy Reserves in Midland, Texas

Advocacy Champions
In March 2015, Texas Tech Law claimed the school’s 33rd national advocacy title at the National Energy and Sustainability Moot Court Competition hosted by West Virginia University, marking the second time in the past three years that Texas Tech Law has won the competition. Another Texas Tech Law team finished as finalists at the National Energy Law Negotiation Competition in Houston during the 2014–2015 season.
Energy Law Interest Group
With approximately 65 members, the Energy Law Interest Group is one of the largest student-run organizations at Texas Tech Law. Through the law school’s membership in the Center for American and International Law, two students can attend each of the Center’s Institute for Energy Law conferences for free. Twelve students attended Institute for Energy Law conferences during the 2014–2015 academic year. In addition to learning about a range of topics from title examination to mergers and acquisitions, students network with distinguished energy-law practitioners and recruit guest lecturers to visit the law school.

Energy Law Symposium
In January 2015, students from the Texas Tech Law Review and the Texas Tech Administrative Law Journal invited speakers from national and international law firms, the Texas Railroad Commission, and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to an Energy Law Symposium at the law school. The panelists discussed litigation trends, financing issues, water disputes, and other topical areas.
Texas Tech University School of Law enhances its Energy Law Program by co-sponsoring leading CLE programs and through an alumni energy-law advisory group.
**CLE Sponsorships**
Texas Tech Law—along with the State Bar of Texas Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section and the Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Section—sponsors an annual Oil & Gas Disputes Course led by Texas Tech Law Professor Emeritus Bruce Kramer. The CLE examines effective negotiation, arbitration, and litigation strategies for oil-and-gas practitioners.

Texas Tech Law has also co-sponsored the Live Oak CLE for several years, a seminar for oil-and-gas practitioners to discuss issues facing Permian Basin mineral owners and producers.

Texas Tech Law also sponsors an annual CLE in Roswell, New Mexico, that includes an oil-and-gas component featuring Professor Kramer.

**Advisory Group**
Texas Tech Law’s alumni energy-law advisory group is made up of alumni who meet to discuss relevant issues and enhancements to the energy-law program. The advisory board members serve as general counsel, practitioners, section heads, and owners of exploration and production companies.

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