National Law Journal Names Chrysta Castañeda to 2018 Elite Trial Lawyers List

News

Chrysta Castaneda has been awarded *The National Law Journal*'s Elite Trial Lawyers Award for 2018.

Arbitrator's Undisclosed Relationships Sink Oil and Gas Awards

News

The court found that the arbitrator lied when he "claimed that he did not have professional or social connections with the parties or witnesses."

Texas High Court Invokes the Discovery Rule

News

The Texas Supreme Court has held that the discovery rule delayed the running of the statute of limitations on behalf of the holder of a recorded right of first refusal to purchase

mineral interests, reports the Energy & the Law blog of Gray Reed & McGraw.

What Colorado's and Washington's Pro-Energy Votes Could Mean for the Rest of the Industry

Insight

Just because voters in two states rejected measures that energy companies opposed, but that doesn't mean the fight is over for oil and gas companies, warns Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney in a website post.

Expropriation Ruling Explains Landowner's Burden to Prove Severance Damages to a 'Legal Certainty'

News

A Louisiana appellate court has added to the relatively sparse body of appellate rulings in pipeline expropriation matters with an unpublished opinion affirming that landowners whose

property is expropriated must prove their entitlement to severance damages to a “legal certainty.”

Federal Judge Blocks Keystone Pipeline XL in Major Blow to Trump Administration

News

The Washington Post characterized the order as a major defeat for President Trump, who attacked the Obama administration for stopping the project in the face of protests and an environmental impact study.

‘Frack Master’ of Texas Oil Fame Pleads Guilty to Massive Fraud, Faces Up to 12 Years in Prison

News

Christopher Faulkner, the former CEO of Dallas-based Breitling Energy, became a star in business circles for his high-profile media appearances defending hydraulic fracturing or fracking, reports *The Dallas Morning News*.

Pipeline Companies Should Do More to Prepare for NTSB Accident Investigations

Insight

The National Transportation Safety Board is well known for its sleuthing on plane crashes. However, oil and gas executives often need better education about how the agency tackles one of its other responsibilities – investigating pipeline accidents, advise attorneys with the national law firm LeClairRyan.

Understanding Similarities and Differences in Four Oilfield Anti-Indemnity Acts

Insight

Indemnity provisions in the energy industry are a staple in Master Service Agreements and can be unilateral or mutual, explains a post on the website of Kean Miller LLP.

Class Action Royalty Litigation in the Shale Plays

Insight

A Haynes and Boone post analyzes nationwide trends in the filing and certification of royalty class action cases, which result in much greater exposure to producers than individual royalty owner cases.

What Will the 2018 Elections in Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming and Alaska Mean for the Energy Industry?

News

Holland & Hart will host a complimentary Energy and Resource lunch and seminar, discussing how governors' races, along with potential shifts in the make-up of state legislatures, might affect energy policy and future development in several states.

Minimum Volume Commitments in

the Midstream Industry

Insight

In the midstream industry, these contracts are typically utilized to enable the operator to recoup the costs of constructing infrastructure, such as a processing plant or pipeline lateral, for the benefit of the counterparty, according to Opportune.

EPA Proposes Affordable Clean Energy Rule to Replace Clean Power Plan

Insight

The current Administration does not believe it has authority under Section 111 of the Clean Air Act to require regulated entities to take actions "outside the fenceline," according to Beveridge & Diamond.

Webinar Looks at Research on Landowner Coalitions in Shale Gas Development

Webinar. Thursday, August 23, 1 p.m. EDT

Marcellus Shale landowner coalitions – their form, function

and impact – will be the topic of a one-hour, web-based seminar offered by Penn State Extension at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018.

Department of Energy Streamlines Small-Scale LNG Export Authorizations

Insight

The Department of Energy has announced a final rule that will expedite the approval process for small-scale exports of natural gas, reports Cadwalader.

Top 10 Mistakes When Drafting Non-Competes in the Oil Patch

Podcast

Bruce “Chip” Morris of Kane Russell Coleman Logan has posted a new podcast in the firm’s Energy Law Today blog about the top 10 mistakes employers can make—in the oilfield, and beyond—when drafting non-compete agreements.

5th Circuit: How to Determine Whether a Contract Is (Or Is Not) Maritime

Insight

The 5th Circuit is sending a signal that it intends to use *Doiron* to "clean house," hopefully bringing more uniformity to the maritime contract determination, according to Liskow & Lewis

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Former Energy XXI CEO Agrees to Settle SEC Charges

News

The SEC alleged John D. Schiller Jr. maintained an extravagant lifestyle using a leveraged margin account secured by his shares in the oil and gas producer.

Court Affirms Take-Nothing Verdict for Company Harmed by Texas Ponzi Scheme

News

A federal district court judge has affirmed a take-nothing

defense verdict for the owner of an Oklahoma City-based company that unknowingly provided services in connection with a mineral royalties Ponzi scheme.

Webinar: Start-ups Driving Innovation in Upstream Oil & Gas

Webinar, July 31, 10 a.m. CDT

Frost & Sullivan's Oil & Gas Innovation Council will present a complimentary webinar titled "Start-ups Driving Innovation in Upstream Oil & Gas" on Tuesday, July 31, 2018, at 10 a.m. CDT.