Blank Rome Names New Corporate Litigation Partner in Houston

News

Blank Rome LLP announces that Elizabeth E. Klingensmith has joined the firm as a partner in the Corporate Litigation group and member of the Energy industry team.

Lanier Law Firm Adds Experienced Oil & Gas Attorney Todd Grimmett

News

Veteran energy company in-house counsel Todd L. Grimmett has joined The Lanier Law Firm as a member of the commercial litigation team.

The Nation's First Legislative Fracking Ban Is

on the Books

Podcast

In an episode of Kane Russell Coleman Logan's energy law podcast, director Tom Ciarlone discusses the nation's first legislative fracking ban.

EPA Announces Methane Rule Reconsideration, Adding to List of Obama-Era Rules Under Review

News

Authors Whit Swift and Brittany Pemberton write that the Methane Rule applies to oil and gas facilities for which construction, modification, or reconstruction started after September 18, 2015.

Webcast: Looking to Oil ETFs Ahead of May 25 OPEC Meeting

On-Demand

The ETF Trends webinar discusses various factors that could affect the crude oil prices, including OPEC and policy changes, and looked to investment opportunities to potentially

capitalize on the energy market.

Can Reworking a Saltwater Disposal Well Maintain a Lease?

Insight

Charles Sartain of Gray Reed & McGraw asks the question: Should the sufficiency of reworking operations under the cessation-of-production clause of an oil and gas lease be limited to the producing well?

Court: FERC's Regulatory Structure Not Biased in Favor of Pipeline Applicants

News

The district court concluded that if plaintiffs "are unhappy" with Congress's chosen appropriations to FERC, plaintiffs' "recourse lies with their legislative representatives," according to Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP's Gavel2Gavel blog.

The U.S. Tax Reform and the Energy Sector

Insight

Reforms in the U.S. tax code proposed being considered in Congress could have significant implications for the energy industry in the U.S., and worldwide, according to an article published on the website of Hogan Lovells.

EPA to the Oil and Gas Industry on its Request for Information: Never Mind

Insight

The EPA has announced that it will no longer demand detailed information regarding methane releases from gas production facilities and related equipment, reports Akin Gump in its AG Deal Diary.

Study Says Local Benefits

From ‘Fracking’ Outweigh the Costs

Insight

The study explored revenue generated in communities where drilling takes place, local income and employment, benefits to local governments, decreases in the quality of life, and increases in housing prices.

Disaster Response for the Gulf Oil Spill Webinar

Event, March 16, 1 p.m. EST

Textron Systems will present a webinar demonstrating how remote sensing and geospatial mapping products can be employed to quickly respond to an evolving oil spill.

Chesapeake Energy and McClendon Estate Reach Settlement

News

The deal calls for Chesapeake to pay $3.25 million in legal fees and drop claims for $445 million related to data McClendon took from the company when he was fired in April

2013, reports *The Oklahoman*.

Charles ‘Skip’ Watson Joins Texas Oil-and-Gas Law Boutique

News

Midland, Texas-based energy law boutique Davis, Gerald & Cremer has added Texas appellate specialist Charles “Skip” Watson to its Austin office.

Addressing Environmental Claims and Obligations in Chapter 11

Event, Feb. 8, 1 p.m. EST

Practical Law and IWIRC NY offer a complimentary webinar addressing environmental claims and obligations in Chapter 11 with leading bankruptcy attorneys and advisors.

Pipeline Opponents Face High Legal Hurdles Challenging Trump

News

Reuters is reporting that opponents of two controversial oil pipelines face an uphill battle if they fight construction of the lines.

Texas Supreme Court Rules Pipeline Can Take Land by Eminent Domain

News

Typically, the power of eminent domain is granted to governmental entities rather than private institutions. Under Texas law, however, a common carrier has the right and power of eminent domain, according to Snell & Wilmer L.L.P.

Trial Lawyer Jay Old Joins Texas-based Hicks Thomas LLP

News

Veteran trial lawyer Jay Old has joined commercial litigation

firm Hicks Thomas LLP where he will continue to represent construction, insurance, petrochemical and health care companies as part of his client portfolio.

Are We Dialing Down Nuclear Power at Precisely the Wrong Time?

Insight

Nuclear plants are disappearing at a faster rate than the EPA forecasted due to a variety of economic, regulatory and political factors, according to an article published by FTI Consulting Inc.

Gardere Represents Matrix Petroleum in Breach of Contract Suit

News

Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP successfully represented Matrix Petroleum Holdings LLC in a breach of contract suit against Talisman Energy USA Inc. A Texas appeals court decided against lifting an injunction that barred Talisman from proposing to drill mutually owned oil and gas wells on an Eagle Ford shale ranch.

Tax Implications for Investors in the Era of Price Fluctuations

Insight

Michael A. Silva and Vince Slusher write that investors who own shares in companies and partnerships that are suffering from the hard times in the oil patch will face an ever-bigger headache thanks to the tax consequences of the price drop.