

# Two New Cases: Fractional Royalty, Fraction of Royalty, or Mineral Interest?

Two new opinions, one from the San Antonio Court of Appeals and one from the El Paso Court of Appeals, again tackle the task of construing mineral and royalty conveyances and reservations, reports **John McFarland** in his Oil and Gas Lawyer Blog.

**He explains** that many such cases have arisen as a result of recent shale plays, where lands never before productive have suddenly become valuable, leaving courts have to clear up muddy deed language.

In his blog post, he discusses *Laborde Properties, L.P. v. U.S. Shale Energy II, LLC* and *Greer v. Shook*.

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