Burlington v. Texas Crude – Another Texas Supreme Court Case on Post-Production Costs

News

The Texas Supreme Court has denied motion for rehearing of its opinion in a case that addresses deductibility of oil and gas post-production costs in the context of an overriding royalty.

Thompson & Knight Successfully Defends BP in Landmark Texas Oil and Gas Lease Cases

News

A Thompson & Knight trial team earned a unanimous verdict for BP America Production Company in a retrial of a 12-year-old lease termination dispute.

Strip-And-Gore Leads to 30

Acres of Minerals Underlying a Highway

Insight

Several reported cases in recent years have involved title to minerals underlying roadways, points out Austin Brister for the McGinnis Lochridge Oil and Gas Law Digest.

Texas Court Addresses the Use of Contract Operators

Insight

A recent Texas ruling illustrates the problems that can arise when parties to a joint operating agreement elect to have a non-owner serve as the operator, points out Austin Brister in the McGinnis Lochridge Oil and Gas Law Digest.

Broad Settlement Discharges Mineral Liens

Insight

When you prepare, review and/or sign settlement agreements you sometimes pay less attention than you should to the details of those “standard” releases, writes Charles Sartain in Gray Reed’s Energy & the Law blog.

Landowners, Energy Companies Seek to Capture Court's Ruling in Historic Hydraulic Fracking Case

News

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has agreed to hear a case to consider whether the rule of capture applies to hydraulic fracking, reports The Hydraulic Fracking Blog of Norton Rose Fulbright.

Mineral Interests: Executive Right Holder Liable for Refusing to Lease

Insight

The article in the Energy & the Law blog explains that the case presented an opportunity for the court to apply the guidelines outlined in an earlier ruling to a different scenario: whether the executive breached the duty by *refusing* to lease.

The Law of Hydraulic Fracturing

Insight

A new article by two Gray Reed & McGraw lawyers in Houston covers the benefits and risks of hydraulic fracturing.

The Troubling Intersection of Royalty Disputes and Consumer Protection Laws

Insight

There could be trouble ahead for operators if the future of royalty disputes lies increasingly within the province of states' attorneys, according to Kane Russell Coleman Logan.

Energy Market Manipulation Remains a Hot Issue at FERC

Insight

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is continuing to aggressively investigate and bring enforcement action against companies that engage in energy market manipulation, reports WilmerHale in its 10-in-10 Hot Topics in Energy Series.

5th Circuit Nixes Ex-NBA Star's $1.5 mln BP Spill Claim – Because He Didn't Lose Any Money

News

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has overturned a $1.5 million award to ex-NBA All Star David West, who claimed he qualified for a payout in the BP oil spill settlement because he earned less in 2010 than in 2009.

Haynes and Boone Issues Energy Roundup for Spring 2019

Insight

Haynes and Boone's Spring 2019 Energy Roundup highlights an evolving United States oil and gas industry responding to recent commodity price volatility, the firm said on its website.

Do Indemnity Obligations Cover First-Party Claims, Or Only Third-Party Claims?

Insight

The Supreme Court of Texas is considering whether to grant a petition for review to establish whether an indemnity provision covers only third-party claims, not first-party claims, unless the provision unequivocally states otherwise, writes D.C. Toedt III in the On Contracts blog.

A Lesson in Property Stipulations

insight

The Energy & the Law blog of Gray Reed & McGraw discusses a case that sums up what is required for an instrument to be a conveyance and what is required for a stipulation to be effective.

U.S. Supreme Court Asked to Review Zero Emissions Credit

Schemes

Insight

if the Supreme Court accepts the zero emission credits cases, it could clarify the scope of FERC's authority to preempt state policy goals that interfere with the operation of wholesale markets, according to Verrill Dana LLP.

Top 4 Indicators Shaping Upstream Oil and Gas in 2019

Insight

Opportune takes a look at a few key indicators shaping the upstream oil and gas sector so far in 2019.

Appeals Court Allows Quick-Take of Land for Mountain Valley Pipeline

News

Landowners objected to a lower-court ruling granting immediate possession of the disputed land before deciding how much each property owner should be compensated.

Texas Court Addresses Bad Acts in an Oil-Patch Lease Play

Insight

Was a partnership formed by a letter agreement, a participation agreement and the actions of the parties?

San Antonio Oil Exec ‘Thumbed His Nose’ at Legal Process, Judge Says

News

Brian Alfaro had failed to provide various records to a court-appointed receiver, prompting the judge to issue an arrest warrant.

Texas Case Offers Three

Lessons for Contract Drafters

Insight

The Texas Supreme Court recently heard oral argument on the interpretation of a farmout agreement providing that an assignment could not be made “without the express written consent,” according to a post on the website of Porter Hedges.