

2025

Oil and Gas, Natural Resources,
and Energy Law

SYMPOSIUM

*Taking Stock at 25: The First and Next 25 Years of
Oil and Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Law
in the 21st Century*

AND

Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of ONE J at OU Law



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The University of Oklahoma College of Law

Dick Bell Courtroom

April 4, 2025

*Check-In and Continental Breakfast available starting at 8 a.m.
in the Dick Bell Courtroom foyer.*

- 9 a.m. **Introductions and Opening Remarks**
Alexandra Jury, ONE J Editor-in-Chief, OU Law Class of 2025
Anna Carpenter, Dean of the University of Oklahoma College of Law
- 9:30 a.m. **Who has the Right to Produce Lithium from Subsurface Brines?**
Keith Hall, Louisiana State University Law
- 10:45 a.m. **Realpolitik, Law, and the Coming Energy Order**
Frédéric Sourgens, Tulane University School of Law
- 11:45 a.m. **Severed Estates in Natural Resources**
Joseph Schremmer, University of Oklahoma College of Law
- 12:45 p.m. **Lunch (David L. Boren Atrium)**
- 2 p.m. **CO₂ Common Carriage**
Tara Righetti and Madeleine Lewis, University of Wyoming
- 3:30 p.m. **Examining the Grant: The Meaning of “Other Minerals” and
Other Incidents of Mineral Ownership**
Monika Ehrman, SMU Dedman School of Law
- 4:30 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
Winchell Gallardo, ONE J Symposium Editor, OU Law Class of 2025
- 4:45 p.m. **Reception and Networking Hour (David L. Boren Atrium)**
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Who has the Right to Produce Lithium from Subsurface Brines?

Keith B. Hall holds the Nesser Family Chair in Energy Law at Louisiana State University, where he serves as Director of the Mineral Law Institute and as Director of the John P. Laborde Energy Law Center. He teaches Mineral Rights, International Petroleum Transactions, Civil Law Property, and Energy Law & Regulation. Professor Hall is the co-author of three books on oil and gas law: *The Law of Oil and Gas* (a national casebook), *International Petroleum Law and Transactions*, and *Hydraulic Fracturing: a Guide to Environmental and Real Property Issues*. He also is an editor of *The Regulation of Decommissioning, Abandonment and Reuse Initiatives in the Oil and Gas Industry*, a book on decommissioning regulations around the world.

In addition to teaching at LSU, Professor Hall has taught energy law classes as a visiting professor at Baku State University in Azerbaijan, as a visiting professor at the University of Pittsburgh, and as an adjunct professor at Loyola School of Law in New Orleans.

Professor Hall has served as an expert for oil and gas disputes arising in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, as well as outside the U.S. He also has served as an arbitrator and drafted amicus briefs. Before joining the LSU faculty in 2012, Professor Hall practiced law at a major firm in New Orleans for sixteen years, and before that he worked for eight years as a chemical engineer. He graduated from Loyola Law School in 1996 (J.D.) and from Louisiana State University in 1985 (B.S., Chem. Eng.).

Realpolitik, Law, and the Coming Energy Order

Frédéric G. Sourgens is the James McCulloch Chair in Energy Law at Tulane Law School and Director of the Tulane Center for Energy Law. He joined the Tulane Law Faculty in 2023. Prior to teaching at Tulane, Sourgens served as the Senator Robert J. Dole Distinguished Professor of Law at Washburn University School of Law.



Sourgens is the co-lead investigator with OPEC's General Legal Counsel, Leonardo Sempértegui, of the energy transition policy and regulatory briefs project for the Organization of Petroleum Producing States (OPEC). He currently serves a chair of the Nuclear Taskforce of the Association International Energy Negotiators. He has served on the Executive Committee of the Institute for Energy Law and on the Executive Council of the American Society of International Law. He currently serves on the Board of American Branch of the International Law Association (ABILA), the Board of the Trans-Lex Principles, and, ex officio, on the Board of the Center for American and International Law. He holds multiple editorial appointments including with the Brill Research Perspectives in International Investment Law and Arbitration as well as the American Review of International Arbitration (Columbia University School of Law) and, until 2024, served as Editor-in-Chief of Oxford University Press' Investment Claims reporter of international arbitral awards between states and foreign investors. He is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and, in 2011, received an Official Proclamation of Gratitude from the Mongolian Minister of Justice.

His most recent books are *The Transnational Law of Renewable Energy* with Catherine Banet and Teddy Baldwin (Oxford University Press 2024), *International Legal Principles of Energy Transition* with Leonardo Sempértegui (Oxford University Press 2023), *Good Faith in Transnational Law, A Pluralist Account* (Brill Nijhoff 2022) (Winner ABILA International Law Book of the Year 2023), and *International Petroleum Law and Transactions* (Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, 2020) (with Owen Anderson, John S Dzienkowski, Keith Hall, John Lowe, Harry Sullivan & Jacqueline Weaver). His *Evidence in International Investment Arbitration* (Oxford University Press 2018) (with Kabir Duggal & Ian Laird) is regularly cited in international arbitral awards.

Before entering academia, Sourgens practiced law at Fulbright & Jaworski LLP in Houston (now Norton Rose Fulbright) and Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP in Washington D.C. (now Milbank).




Severed Estates in Natural Resources

Joseph A. Schremmer is an Associate Professor of Law at the University of Oklahoma College of Law and Director of the Oil, Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Center (ONE C). He teaches courses in oil and gas, energy, and natural resources law, as well as first-year property. He is the sole revision and update author of *Kuntz on Oil and Gas Law*, a co-author of *Oil and Gas Law: Cases and Materials* (11th ed. Foundation Press) and has published extensively in the law journals on topics such as correlative rights, waste, property in pore space, subsurface trespass, and split estates. Before joining OU Law, Schremmer was the Judge Leon Karelitz Oil & Gas Law Professor at the University of New Mexico School of Law. Before that, he practiced law in Wichita, Kansas for six years and was a partner with Depew Gillen Rathbun & McInteer, L.C. His practice covered most aspects of upstream oil and gas production, including title examination, transactional work, practice before the Kansas Corporation Commission, and civil litigation. He was the president of the Oil, Gas, and Minerals Section of the Kansas Bar Association and was recognized multiple times as a Rising Star by Super Lawyers.

CO₂ Common Carriage

Tara Righetti is the Occidental Chair of Energy and Environmental Policies at the University of Wyoming where she co-directs the Nuclear Energy Research Center and directs the Jurisprudence of Underground Law and Energy (Joule) research group. Her research focuses on property and administrative law issues related to the decarbonization and development of the energy and industrial sectors.

Madeleine Lewis is an associate research scientist and lecturer at the University of Wyoming School of Energy Resources. Her research focuses on energy law and policy, including critical minerals, carbon capture and sequestration, advanced nuclear energy, and energy stakeholder engagement. Lewis holds a bachelor's degree in anthropology and sociology from Carleton College, a master's degree in Environment and Natural Resources from the University of Wyoming, and a juris doctor degree from the University of Wyoming. Before joining SER, Lewis served clients on energy-related issues as an attorney for the law firm of Crowley Fleck PLLP and also served as a federal district court clerk. She is licensed in Wyoming and Montana.



Examining the Grant: The Meaning of “Other Minerals” and Other Incidents of Mineral Ownership

Monika U. Ehrman is Professor of Law at SMU’s Dedman School of Law and Professor of Engineering (by courtesy) in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at SMU’s Bobby B. Lyle School of Engineering. Prior to joining SMU, Professor Ehrman taught at the University of North Texas at Dallas and at the University of Oklahoma, where she served as the Faculty Director of the Oil & Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Center at the College of Law.

Prior to teaching, she served as general counsel of a privately held energy company; senior counsel with Pioneer Natural Resources; and associate attorney at Locke Lord LLP. Before law school, Professor Ehrman worked as a petroleum engineer in the upstream, midstream, and pipeline sectors of the energy industry. In addition to her experience with the technical aspects of the industry, she also worked as an analyst in the areas of commodity risk management and energy trading. She is currently Chair of the AALS Section on Natural Resources & Energy and on the editorial board of the *Journal of World Energy Law & Business* (published by Oxford University Press).

Her scholarly interests are in the areas of natural resources, energy, mining, property, and environmental law & policy. She is principal investigator of a multi-year team grant awarded in 2021 from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation to study the impact of the clean energy transition on Native American communities. She is also researching the mischaracterization of natural resources in property law and currently writing on atmospheric modification, mining & wildfire policy. Professor Ehrman earned a B.Sc. in Petroleum Engineering from the University of Alberta; J.D. from SMU Law; and LL.M. from Yale Law School.



