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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE
July 2015 – PresentGenave King Rogers Asst. Prof. of Energy Law & Commerce
University of Tulsa Tulsa, Oklahoma
<ul> <li>Awards and Honors Related to Teaching</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Nominee for the 2019 Collins College of Business Excellence in Teachir Award, CCB student. (February 14, 2020).</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>"Most Valuable Professor" award TU Softball Team (May 5, 2017)</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Scheduled Teaching at The University of Tulsa 2019-2020</li> </ul>
Collins College of Business
<ul> <li>BL 2013 Legal Environment of Business</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>BL 3113 Business Law for Entrepreneurs</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>EMGT 3023 Commercial Transactions</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>EMGT 4043 Real Property</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>MEB 7001 Perspectives in Energy Business</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>MEB 7063 Energy Policy and Sustainability</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>MEB 7073 Legal and Regulatory Environment of the Energy Industry</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>MEB 7143 U.S. Oil and Gas Law</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>MEB 7153 Energy Transactions in the International Arena</li> </ul>
College of Law
<ul> <li>MJEL 6143 Wind Energy Law</li> </ul>
College of Engineering & Natural Sciences
<ul> <li>GEOL 3013 Petroleum and Sedimentary Geology For Energy Management</li> </ul>
<u>Academic Advising</u>
<ul> <li>Advising undergraduate students (i.e., junior level)</li> </ul>
2017 – Present Managing Attorney
EMC Law PLLC Tulsa, Oklahoma
Providing legal support to LegalAid
<ul> <li>Providing tailored legal services to landowners, developers, and contractors</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Drafting and negotiating energy contracts</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Providing legal analytics services to clients to improve legal strategies while minimizin costs and mitigating legal liability</li> </ul>
February 2014 – July 2015Legal and Corporate Affairs Manager - IraqEniBasra, Iraq
<ul> <li>Working to maintain continuity in company operations by providing legal support on day-to day operational issues including company policies and procedures</li> </ul>

• Providing guidance on the framework documents of the Zubair project which include the Technical Services Agreement, Joint Operating Agreement, Field Operating Division Agreement and other contractual documents to which Eni Iraq BV, its partners and the Republic of Iraq are parties

- Providing support and advice to senior management and the various departments of the company by advising on issues ranging from corporate affairs, governance, customs, HSE legislation, contracts management and labor matters
- Providing legal support in defending company interests, its management and personnel in the applicable jurisdictions such as Iraq, Italy, The Netherlands

Aug. 2013 – January 2014Associate General Counsel / legal consultantWison Offshore & MarineHouston, Texas

- Providing leadership on the project teams and mentoring junior team members
- Creating contract management guides and insurance primers for legal and contracts team
- Drafting contracting standards including EPC and EPCIC templates and negotiating contracts with clients
- Providing guidance on FCPA and other anti-corruption laws, as well as financial and tax matters

Sept. 2012 – July 2013Senior Legal Director, Middle East, India and CaspianMcDermott Middle EastDubai, United Arab Emirates

- Led a team of multiple levels of managers of diverse activities in order to develop and execute functional strategies to achieve key business objectives
- Structured international ventures & negotiating multi-national joint ventures and alliances
- Ensured compliance with applicable laws and regulations (e.g. UK Bribery Act and FCPA)
- Managed corporate secretary, insurance, contracts and litigation functions

Dec. 2007 – Aug. 2012	Senior Legal Advisor & PSA/JOA Compliance Advisor, Attorney
Eni	Houston, Texas; The Hague, The Netherlands; & Atyrau, Kazakhstan

- Reviewed oil and gas leases, title opinions, division orders and interpreted joint operating agreements with regard to royalty rights and also exploration and production obligations on onshore and offshore assets
- Managed legal support for the Procurement Department (e.g. Drilling Contracts; Engineering, Procurement, Construction and Installation Contracts; Vessel Charters; Master Service Agreements and Purchase Orders)
- Worked with the Operators in the Gulf of Mexico to create Mutual Aid Agreements to facilitate industry wide spill response agreements to deal with catastrophic spill events
- Provided strategic and tactical analysis to the business units with regard to Eni's trading, operations (*e.g.* Stones FPSO, Shuttle Tanker & Gas Pipeline Agreements)
- Developed, implemented and coordinated corporate, regulatory and administrative compliance policies and procedures
- Provided legal support on permits to drill, exploration and development plans, and legal support regarding compliance with applicable federal and state regulations
- Worked with Eni team members, state regulators and key stakeholders on the Alaskan North Slope to bring the Nikaitchuq offshore field into production on schedule and to allow Eni to ship sales-quality crude oil through the Trans-Alaska oil pipeline

- Provided legal support for with regard to Operating Agreements, Production Handling Agreements, Leases, Transportation Agreements and Interconnection Agreements
- Managed regulatory, commercial & personal injury litigation files to obtain objectives in a manner that also reduced legal risk
- Provided legal support to the Credit and Contracts Departments of Eni US Gas and Marketing Inc. to facilitate transactions and mitigate risk on oil and gas sales contracts
- Managed legal assistance and took responsibility for major/critical contracts including drawing up of contractual documents, such as Letters of Intent, Drilling Contracts, EPCI Contracts, EPF Contracts, Construction Contracts, Bridging Agreements, Confidentiality Agreements, Consortium and Joint Venture Agreements
- Responsible for providing guidance and advice to senior management on the first phase of development of the giant Kashagan field which holds some 35 billion barrels of oil in place and reserves of over 11 billion barrels beneath the Kazakhstan section of the north Caspian Sea.

Sept. 2001-Nov. 2007	Senior Counsel, Staff Attorney
Technip	Houston, Texas & Paris, France

- Analyzed, drafted and negotiated contracts (including EPCI contracts and time charters) relating to the development, construction and installation of onshore natural gas facilities, and offshore development facilities and pipelines in the Gulf of Mexico, North Sea, Latin America, Middle East, West Africa and Central Asia.
- Responsible for Technip Norway and Genesis Oil and Gas Ltd. and specific transactions in Africa and the Middle East
- Trained attorneys for Technip France, and when requested at the Group level, for Brazil, the United States and the United Kingdom
- Settled disputes concerning employment, insurance and transaction matters
- Advised on United States federal and state regulatory compliance concerns
- Transaction Summary:
  - $\circ$  Gulf of Mexico:

BP Atlantis, Williams Devils Tower, BP Holstein, BP King West, BP Mad Dog, Chevron/Total Matterhorn, Shell Na Kika, Kerr McGee Navajo, Kerr McGee Red Hawk, Mariner Swordfish, ENI K2, Dominion Triton/Goldfinger, Kerr McGee Ticonderoga

o West Africa:

Total Pazflor, Total Usan, Murphy Azurite, Shell Bonny Island Train 7, Esso Kizomba C, Agip ABO Extension Project, MEGI Ekanga and Zafiro, Vaalco Avouma, Sonangol Gimboa

• Middle East/Asia:

Exxon Mobil AKG-2, Reliance Offshore Facilities\_KGD6

• North Sea:

Marathon Alvheim, Pertra Frøy, Marathon Volund, BP Skarv, ExxonMobil Flexible Pipe Integrity Service, Talisman Norge Yme Project, Statoil Reeled Pipe Installation Services Contract, BP Norge New Tambar Pipeline project, Norsk Hydro Fram East/Vilje Projects

#### EDUCATION

Degree:	<b>Juris Doctor, Certificate in International Law</b>
University/College:	Loyola University School of Law
Date and location:	May 2001, New Orleans, Louisiana
Degree:	<b>Master of Science in Geology</b>
University/College:	University of Georgia
Date and location:	August 1995, Athens, Georgia
Degree: University/College: Date and location:	Master of International Business in Management Pepperdine University (European Business School (EBS), Schloss Reichartshausen am Rhein, Oestrich-Winkel, Germany, August – December 1992) December 1993, Malibu, California
Degree:	<b>Bachelor of Science in Geology</b>
University/College:	University of Georgia
Date and location:	December 1988, Athens, Georgia

#### LANGUAGES

Language:	level: Practical	Spanish, German	
	P	ROFESSIONAL LICENSES	
Oklahoma State	Bar	Member, 32935	2016
Texas State Bar		Member, 24034630	2002
Louisiana State E	Bar	Member, 29657	2005
Georgia State Ba	r	Member, 925692	2010
Texas Professior	nal Geoscientist, Geolo	gy Member, 5652	2003

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS			
Sustainable Tulsa	Member	2020	
Oklahoma Solar Association	Member	2020	
Tulsa Bar Energy & Mineral Law Section	Leadership	2018	
Georgia Solar Energy Association	Member	2018	
American Wind Energy Association	Member	2017	
Pipe Liners of Tulsa	Member	2017	
American Association of Professional Landmen	Member	2012	
American Association of Petroleum Geologist (AAPG)	Member	1993	
Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) Program Committee	Member	2006	
& Current Chairman of the AAPG Subcommittee			
United States Federal Court for the Southern District of Texas	Member	2002	
Association of International Petroleum Negotiators	Member	2000	
Maritime Law Association – Proctor Level	Member	2003	

#### PRESENTATIONS

Decommissioning and Life Extension for Oilfields presented in March 2019 at the Brazil-Texas Chamber of Commerce Roundtable

Survey of Some Select Wind Energy Legal Issues in the United States presented at Tulsa County Bar Association Energy and Minerals Section December 2018 lunch Meeting

Energy Sector Report presented May 17, 2017 at the AGMA SRN Event in Tulsa, Oklahoma

Well Abandonment and Decommissioning Challenges presented at the 2017 Offshore Technology Conference May 3, 2017 in Houston, Texas

U.S. Offshore Regulatory Policies in Decommissioning and Abandonment, Fall 2016 Topical Conference on The Role of Petrophysics in P & A, Society of Petrophysicists and Well Log Analysts (SPWLA)

Congressional Briefing: Advances in Earth Science Briefing Series - Introduction to Offshore Energy, 2016 Longworth House Office Building - Washington D.C.

Responding to Litigation and Arbitration over Disputed Gas Supply Agreements, 2016 Energy Utility Partnerships Program (EUPP) United States Energy Association (USEA), Natural Gas Supply Chain Workshop - Arusha, Tanzania

Introduction to Fiscal Regimes, 2016 Energy Utility Partnerships Program (EUPP) United States Energy Association (USEA), Natural Gas Supply Chain Workshop, Arusha, Tanzania

Weather risks in Offshore Contracts, 2006 Technip Lawyers Convention, Houston, TX Contractual Freedom. Limitation of Liabilities. Indemnities and Warranties under Admiralty law. Louisiana Law and Texas law, 2005 Technip Lawyers Convention, Paris, France

### PUBLICATIONS

Title: The Impact of the Interface of Regulatory Jurisdictional Issues on the Life Cycle of Natural Gas Pipelines in the United States of America Publication date: November 2019 Editor/Newspaper: OGEL

Title: U.S. Offshore Regulatory Policies in Abandonment and Decommissioning Publication date: March 2018 Editor/Newspaper: OGEL

**Title:** Managing Risk in the Offshore Industry in the New Millennium Publication date: May 2008 Paper: 19226 Editor/Newspaper: OTC 2008 Proceedings Title: International Offshore Technology Transfers: Successful Innovation Through Global Collaborations For Mutual Benefit Publication date: May 2007 Paper: 19107 Editor/Newspaper: OTC 2007 Proceedings

Title: In New Horizons and New Depths: Where are the Ethical Boundaries and Potential Liabilities Facing the Offshore Energy Industry? Publication date: May 2006 Paper: 18402 Editor/Newspaper: OTC 2006 Proceedings

Title:, Survey of the Gulf of Mexico Indemnity and Insurance Legal Framework, May 26, 2003, 122 pp.

Title: Application of the Rietveld Method for the Determination of Mineral Abundances in East Central Georgia Kaolin Deposits Publication date: July 1995 Paper: Thesis Location: University of Georgia Library