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BRAD GIBBS, a partner with Kiefaber & Oliva LLP, has extensive experience in advising clients regarding due diligence, complex mineral titles, pooling issues, lease analysis, joint operating agreements, surface use issues and title curative. He is licensed to practice law in Texas, North Dakota and Kansas.

Brad is Board Certified in Oil, Gas and Mineral Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and is recognized as a 2018-2020 “Texas Rising Star” by *Super Lawyers*. He is a member of the Oil, Gas, and Energy Resources Section of the State Bar of Texas, the College of the State Bar of Texas, the Oil, Gas & Mineral Law Section of the Houston Bar Association, the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN), the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation (RMMLF), Landman's Association of North Dakota (LAND) and the Houston Association of Professional Landmen (HAPL). He received his J.D. from the University of Houston Law Center where he was an editor for the *Houston Journal of International Law*, and received multiple awards for excellence in legal research and writing, including the HJIL Writing Award for an Outstanding Comment on a Topic in International Law.

### SELECT REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

With respect to **North Dakota**, Brad’s representative experience includes:

- Original and supplemental drilling, division order and acquisition title opinions on over 65,000 acres in Williams, Mountrail, McKenzie and Dunn Counties
- Compulsory pooling and risk penalties
- Regulatory framework
- Spacing and pooling orders
- Lease maintenance and depth severance issues
- Federal lands and communitization agreements
- Overlapping communitization agreements
- State lands
- Issues relating to the Missouri Riverbed, Garrison Dam, Lake Sakakawea and Wenck Survey
- Lease line wells
- Overlapping units, partially overlapped base units and allocation issues

## **ADMISSIONS**

Texas

North Dakota

Kansas

## **EDUCATION**

J.D., University of Houston Law Center

B.S., Texas State University

## **SELECT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

Presenter, “This is Not Your Father’s Producer 88 - Continuous Development, Retained Acreage & Other Pitfalls in the Modern Oil & Gas Lease,” AAPL 66th Annual Meeting (June 2020)

Presenter, “Allocation Wells,” HAPL 12th Annual Shale Seminar (September 19, 2019)

Presenter, “Common Title Issues Encountered When Operating on Federal Lands,” 3rd Annual L.A.N.D. Seminar (May 6, 2019)

Presenter, “Allocation Wells,” Austin Professional Landmen’s Association Luncheon (May 3, 2019)

Presenter, “Kansas Marketable Record Title Act and Other Kansas Issues,” Houston Association of Division Order Analysts Luncheon (February 17, 2016)

Presenter, "Determining Ownership and Leasing Minerals Under Texas Roadways," AAPL Field Landman Seminar (November 19, 2015)

Presenter, “Surface Use Agreements: Multijurisdictional Considerations in Negotiating and Drafting Agreements for Use of Surface Estates in Oil and Gas Exploration, Production and Development,” HAPL 4th Annual Shale Play Seminar (2013)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Author, “This Is Not Your Father’s Producers 88,” AAPL's *Landman* magazine (September/October 2020)

Author, “The Kansas Marketable Title Act – A Primer for Landmen and Attorneys,” *Kansas Bar Association Oil, Gas & Mineral Section Newsletter* (publication forthcoming)

Co-author, “Surface Use Agreements: Multijurisdictional Considerations in Negotiating and Drafting Agreements for Use of Surface Estates in Oil and Gas Exploration, Production and Development,” 38-2, *Section Report of The Oil, Gas & Energy Res. Law Section of the State Bar of Texas* (Winter 2014)

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## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

State Bar of Texas

Kansas Bar Association

Houston Association of Professional Landmen

Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation

Landman's Association of North Dakota