

Special Award

Nomination Form

Please attach this form to your one-page nomination for a Special Award. This award will be presented to the member(s) or group(s) who/which has made an extraordinary contribution to AAPL, the land profession, the industry, or the community. May include but is not limited to:

- **Education** – may be presented to a member who has achieved a level of unusual distinction in AAPL’s continuing education program as demonstrated by his/her contribution of time and service to the betterment of land professionals.
- **AAPL Committee Member Award** – may be presented to an AAPL Committee member who has greatly exceeded expectations.
- **Community Service** – may be presented to a member who has contributed greatly toward civic improvement in his/her local community.
- **Other** – may be presented to a member who has achieved unusual distinction or contributed significantly the betterment of land professionals in any other way deemed worthy of recognition.

NAME OF NOMINEE: M. Ryan Kirby, JD

LOCAL ASSOCIATION AFFILIATION: Houston Association of Professional Landmen

NOMINATED BY: Houston Association of Professional Landmen

AAPL 2019-2020 Special Award – Education

M. Ryan Kirby, JD

M. Ryan Kirby, JD is an active member of AAPL, HAPL and nine other Professional Landman Associations. Ryan graduated with a BA in Government and Politics in 1998 from The University of Texas at Dallas and earned his JD at South Texas College of Law in 2002. Ryan has been a respected oil and gas attorney in Houston for the past fourteen years, formerly as a Partner with the Sadler Law Firm and currently as a Managing Partner of Kirby, Mathews & Walrath, P.L.L.C. of which he was a founding member in 2013. In addition to his practice, he has been an adjunct professor at South Texas College of Law since 2012 teaching Texas Oil Gas and Land Titles to aspiring oil and gas attorneys, many of whom are landmen.

Ryan is passionate about educating landmen. Over the past ten years he has authored articles on topics of current interest to our profession and has been a distinguished speaker at over thirty educational seminars for landmen. Due to his commitment to providing relevant and interesting education specifically to land professionals he has truly contributed directly to the betterment of our profession and is deserving of this award. In an effort to comply with the one-page limitation, an abbreviated list of presentations and articles follows.

PRESENTATIONS

- *The Mineral/Royalty Conundrum* – HAPL Spring Saturday Seminar, May 6, 2017
- *Anatomy of the Oil and Gas Lease* – ALTA Luncheon, May 23, 2017
- *Ratification Beware!* – NHAPL Luncheon, October 10, 2017
- *The Unethical Landman* – WHAPL Education, October 26, 2017 (with Drew Potts)
- *Anatomy of the Oil and Gas Lease* – HBA CLE, November 17, 2017
- *Ratification Beware!* – HAPL Shale Play Symposium, November 29, 2017
- *Things You May Have Missed* – HAPL Shale Play Symposium, September 27, 2018 (with Gerald Walrath)
- *Life of a Prospect* – WHAPL Education, October 25, 2018 (with Tim McGhee, CPL and Curt Horne, CPL)
- *What Were They Thinking?! Making Sense of Idiosyncratic Language in Title Instruments* – ALTAPL Education Seminar, February 22, 2019
- *Life of a Prospect* – HAPL Luncheon, April 2, 2019 (with Tim McGhee, CPL and Curt Horne, CPL)
- *Surface Issues for Horizontal Wells* – AAPL National Convention, June 20, 2019
- *Ratification Beware!* – AAPL Texas Land Institute, December 4, 2019

ARTICLES

- M. Ryan Kirby, *Pooling: The Unintended Consequences*, published in the March, 2014 Houston Association of Professional Landmen Newsletter
- M. Ryan Kirby & Vy “Tina” Huynh, *Why You Should Run Title to the Sovereign*, published in the May, 2014 Dallas Association of Petroleum Landmen Newsletter
- M. Ryan Kirby & Gerald Walrath, *Oil & Gas Title Opinions: A Brief Synopsis*, published in the October, 2014 Dallas Association of Petroleum Landmen Newsletter
- M. Ryan Kirby & Andrew Potts, *Pooling: The Unintended Consequences & Alternatives*, published in the December, 2014 Dallas Association of Petroleum Landmen Newsletter
- M. Ryan Kirby & Vy “Tina” Huynh, *To Suspend or Not to Suspend? That is the Question!*, published in the September, 2015 Houston Association of Petroleum Landmen Newsletter
- M. Ryan Kirby, *Texas Supreme Court Clarifies the Limits of the Estoppel by Deed Doctrine*, published in the December, 2019 Houston Association of Professional Landmen Newsletter