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Mr. K. Wade Pollard, CPL  
Awards Committee Chairman  
American Association of Professional Landmen  
800 Fournier Street  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Re: Katherine Sappington Chalfant Nomination  
AAPL Lifetime Achievement Award


Dear Mr. Pollard:

I am thrilled and honored to nominate my dear friend Katherine “Kitty” Sappington Chalfant, CPL for the 2024 AAPL Lifetime Achievement Award. Kitty has had a long and distinguished career as a landman and during that time has tirelessly served AAPL and the Permian Basin Landmen’s Association in numerous capacities. She has told me a several times that she is retiring from AAPL, but whenever she has been asked by someone to help, she has never told them no. Kitty has also served as a volunteer on numerous projects in her community over the years and continues her volunteer work helping others today.

I am attaching a resume for your review listing her education, work history, AAPL service, community service, and awards received over her career.

I cannot think of anyone who is more deserving of this prestigious award than Kitty Chalfant. Not only has she served AAPL well in the past, but she continues to generously donate her time to AAPL so that other landmen may enjoy the benefits of this fine organization. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours very truly,

  
David W. Miller, CPL

***Katherine Sappington Chalfant***

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**Independent Landman, Midland, Texas**

June, 2011 – Present

Primarily have worked for a small operator in Midland handling all land related matters.

**Concho Resources, Inc.**

January, 2009 – June, 2011

Land Lead - Exploration, Acquisitions and Divestitures. Handled Concho's West Texas exploration program including acquisition of 50,000 acres in Terry County and 100,000 acres in Pecos County, Texas. Active in due diligence, agreement negotiation and preparation for several large acquisitions and divestitures in West Texas. Managed staff of landmen, contract landmen and lease brokers.

**EOG Resources, Inc. Midland, Texas**

June, 2001- August, 2007: Land Specialist

Landman for Permian Basin, handling all aspects of land functions for exploration and development including preparation of all associated agreements. Managed the surface and mineral permitting for several large 3D seismic projects. Extensive work in land matters regarding horizontal drilling.

**Independent Landman, Midland, Texas**

October, 2000 – June, 2001

Contract landman handling various projects for several clients, including acquisition due-diligence, seismic permitting, preparation ownership reports, and title curative.

**ARCO Permian, Midland, Texas**

November, 1996 – October, 2000: Land Director

Landman for the Mid-Basin Asset Area covering the Central Basin Platform area of West Texas, handling all land functions for the exploration and development of this geographical area. Managed the mineral and surface permitting of two large 3D seismic shoots along with negotiations with partners and lease acquisition within the project areas. Work in a team environment along coordinating projects with the production office. Supervise and coordinate the work of numerous contract landmen, both in-house and field brokers. Serve as landman for Business Development group for Mid-Basin assets during acquisitions and divestitures of properties. ARCO Permian was acquired by BP fall 2000 and moved the position to Houston.

**Fina Oil and Chemical Company, Midland, Texas**

February, 1990 – November, 1996: Staff Landman

Responsible for handling all land related aspects for West Texas and Southeastern New Mexico including preparing and negotiating Farmouts, Farmins, Seismic Options, Operating

Agreements, Purchase and Sale Agreements, Like-Kind Exchange Agreements, management of company owned mineral interests, submittals for AFE's for Fina operated and outside operated properties. Handled acquisitions and divestments, including negotiating and preparation of the associated agreements. Have successfully negotiated and closed several like-kind exchanges (trades with ARCO, Chevron, Amoco, Marathon, Mobil, Meridian and Kerr-McGee) impacting Fina's position in its operated properties. Prepared divestment brochures. Managed Fina's West Texas secondary recovery units having enlarged (vertically) several units. Handle all surface matters including payment of damages and negotiating surface agreements. In 1996, was the only landman in the Midland office thereby having the responsibility of overseeing contract landmen and land administration. Participated in management meetings and facilitating the move of the West Texas assets from the Midland office to the Houston office. Fina moved all land functions to Houston in fall 1996.

### **Fina Oil and Chemical Company**

February, 1989 – February, 1990: Land Administration

Cured title, prepared contract synopsis for all land related agreements, well sheets, prospect summaries, notifications of sales and purchases, prepared releases of oil and gas leases. Updated land computer system. Verified rental and obligation reports. Prepared division orders and internal changes of interest.

### **Parker & Parsley Petroleum Company, Midland, Texas**

February, 1988 – February, 1989: Contact Landman

Prepared ownership summaries, lease records and consolidation of land records following a major acquisition. Researched and prepared exhibits for various agreements. Instrumental in land system computer conversion.

### **Independent Landman, Midland, Texas**

September, 1980 – April, 1982

Contract day work for independent operators. Covered territory in West Texas and Southeastern New Mexico. Established chain of title and analyzed various land and legal documents.

## **EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Business Administration, University of Texas, Austin, September 1978 – August, 1980, with a major in Petroleum Land Management.

Texas A&M University, September, 1976 – May, 1978

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

American Cancer Society – Member of the Board of Directors, 1982 – 1986, served as Secretary of the Executive Board 1986

Junior League of Midland - Active member for 7 years, now participating as a sustainer.

CERT – active member of the Committee Emergency Response Team for Galveston County, Texas

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo – served on a committee for 4 years

First Presbyterian Church of Midland – Deacon, currently serving on the Food Pantry Ministry

Permian Basin Landmen’s Association – Active member since 1989. Served as director, treasurer, secretary, and president in 1998-1999.

Appointed to a task force to create and write rules governing short term rentals in Clear Lake Shores, Texas.

### **AAPL SERVICE**

American Association of Professional Landmen – Certified Professional Landman, and active member since 1990.

Served as Chair of the Ethics, Membership, Awards, and Forms Committee.

Served as a Trustee of the Landman Scholarship Trust for several terms.

Served as Secretary for the Executive Committee in 2006-2007.

Recipient of AAPL Landman of the Year award in 2003.

Recipient of the Mary K. Blankenship Horizon Award in 2021.

Currently serving as Chair of the Ethics Committee (for the second time), member of the Landman Scholarship Trust and as the liaison for the Accreditation Committee and LST.

Heads up the AAPL Horizon Student Awareness Initiative.

### **OTHER**

Texas Tech University, Petroleum Land Management Program. While employed at EOG Resources, Kitty served as interim director for the PLM program from summer 2002 until summer 2003. She worked with new director in revising the curriculum. Taught basic land management course for one semester, as well as a one-hour credit class on the AAPL Form 1989 Operating Agreement and a weekly class on interest calculation.