

It is both my privilege and honor to nominate Tara K. Righetti, J.D., CPL, to be the recipient of the Mary K. Blankenship Horizon Award (2021).

As lawyer, landman, professor, author and advocate, Tara is uniquely positioned to be this year's recipient. She is an exceptional land professional and professor and is widely respected throughout the industry. Tara's perspectives afford her the mental perception, experience, and interest requisite in broadening all of our horizons. These are the rare qualities of expert teachers and mentors. She is forward looking and innovative, and she is dedicated to our industry and young people working in it.

As background, Tara received her J.D. in 2007 from the University of Colorado Law School, and she received the designation of CPL in 2014 from AAPL. Tara led the University of Wyoming School of Energy Resources as Director of the Academic Program in Professional Land Management from January 2016 to August of 2020. It is important to note this is one of AAPL's 15 highly respected accredited programs across the nation.

Tara was and continues to be an Associate Professor of Law at the University of Wyoming. Since stepping away as Director to focus on students and academics, she continues to expand the curriculum of the program and reaches out to and teaches students about the various facets of our industry from oil and gas to renewables with an eye on sustainability and the future – sustainability for the University of Wyoming program, its students, and our future leaders. Her drive and passion allow her to impact us and her students through her teaching, her writings, and her speaking engagements. Her horizons are broad.

Among the many successes in part attributed to Tara's dedication and leadership at the University of Wyoming is student job placement, and the implementation of professional development and networking opportunities for students off campus in partnership with the local landman association, industry, and the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation. During her tenure as Director, the Energy Summer Institute program was developed as a recruiting tool for the School of Energy Resources and the University of Wyoming. High school students completing their sophomore or junior year are invited to spend 6 days in July on campus in classes, team-building activities and field trips involving energy career opportunities including land management. Prior to the pandemic, sixteen high school students from Wyoming, Colorado, Texas, California, Michigan, Nevada, and Wisconsin participated in the 2019 camp. These few examples afford each of us the opportunity to see her dedication to students.

Tara's passion for our profession, her students and the growth of our industry is visible in all she does. As evidenced during meetings with her peers and colleagues, Tara is highly respected and admired. She is articulate and thoughtful. In addition to her time teaching, Tara is a prodigious author and has had many works accepted and published in law reviews, RMMLF, refereed publications and grants. In the classroom and in the world, Tara responds strategically to fundamental challenges and opportunities facing education and our industry. Tara's passion is demonstrated over and over again through her commitment to elevating and expanding the role of female land professionals and minority groups and their development within industry. She has been among the voices advocating for diversity and inclusion in our organization in order to positively affect students and our membership.

Attached to this is Tara's vita for your review. I believe there you will find more reasons to recognize her, the accomplishments she has made and the impact she will continue to make on young people coming to our professional. It is my sincere hope Mary K. Blankenship would be delighted, and I am delighted to recommend her to you.

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EDUCATION

University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY

B.A., Expected 2021

College of Arts and Science, *French*

University of Colorado Law School, Boulder, CO

J.D., 2007

University of Colorado at Boulder, Boulder, CO

B.A., 2005

School of Architecture and Planning, *Environmental Design*

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Wyoming College of Law, Laramie, WY

Professor, *August 2014 to Present*

(Assistant Professor 2014-2017, Associate Professor 2017-2020)

University of Wyoming School of Energy Resources, Laramie, WY

Director, Program in Professional Land Management, *January 2016 to August 2020*

Deep Springs College, Deep Springs, CA

Term 6 Visiting Faculty, *2019*

PUBLISHED WORKS

Law Reviews

Tara Righetti, *The Incidental Environmental Agency*, 3 UTAH L. REV. 685 (2020).

Tara Righetti, Hannah Wiseman, and James Coleman, *The New Oil and Gas Governance*, 130 YALE L. J. FORUM 51 (2020).

Tara Righetti, *Collaborative Pipeline Risk Governance: A Response to Professor Gosman*, 81 OHIO ST. L. J. ONLINE 63 (2020).

Tara Righetti, *Contracting for Sustainable Surface Management*, 71 U. of Ark. L. Rev. 367 (2018).

Tara Righetti, Robert Godby, Dalia Patio Echeverri, Temple Stoellinger, and Kipp Coddington, *The Role of Energy Models: Characterizing the Uncertainty of the Future Electricity System to*

Design More Efficient and Effective Law and Regulation. 8 Geo. Wash. J. of Energy & Env'tl. L. 56 (2017).

Tara Righetti, *The Private Pore Space: Condemnation for Subsurface Ways of Necessity*, 16 Wyo. L. Rev. 77 (2016).

Tara Righetti, *Transmission and Transport of Energy in the Western U.S. and Canada: A Law and Policy Road Map, Essay, Avoidably Lost: Evolving the Reasonable Use Standard to Reduce Natural Gas Flaring*, 52 Idaho L. Rev. 387 (2016).

Refereed Publications

Tara Righetti, *Liberating Split Estates*, 14 INT'L J. OF THE COMMONS 638 (2020).

Jennie Perey Saxe, John H. Boman IV, Mick Bondi, Urszula Norton, **Tara Righetti**, Asif Hasan Rony, and Baharak Sajjadi, *Just or Bust? Energy justice and the impacts of siting solar pyrolysis biochar production facilities*, 58 Energy Research & Social Science 101259 (2019).

Tara Righetti, *Environmental Considerations in Oil and Gas Conservation and Permitting*, 64 Rocky Mtn. Min. L. Inst. 5-1 (2018).

Tara Righetti, *Siting CO₂ Pipelines*, 3 Oil & Gas, Nat. Resources & Energy J. 907 (2017).

Tara Righetti, *Correlative Rights and Limited Common Property in the Pore Space: A Response to the Challenge of Subsurface Trespass in Carbon Capture and Sequestration*, 47 Env'tl. L. Rep. (Env'tl. Law Inst.) 10420 (May 2017).

Temple Stoellinger, **Tara Righetti**, and Kipp Coddington, *The Expanding Role of the Social Cost of Carbon in the Development of Energy Projects on Federal Land*. The Electricity Journal, Vol. 29 Issue 1 Pg. 63-70, January-February 2016.

Tara Righetti, *Surface Access to Severed Federal Minerals*, 61 Rocky Mt. Min. L. Inst. 8-1 (2015).

Other Works

Tara Righetti, John Smith, & Bruce Kramer, *Capture or Convert*, Probate & Property, Volume 34, Issue 5, p. 13 (September/October 2020)

N. Dillinger†, R. Wilbur†, **T. Righetti**, J.D. Scasta. *Wyoming prescribed burning regulations: Review of policy, guidelines, and case law for private lands*. UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING AND WYOMING PRESCRIBED FIRE COUNCIL BULLETIN, B-1354 (2020).

Kris Koski & **Tara Righetti**, *Basic Mineral and Leasehold Conveyancing*, Oil & Gas Mineral Title Examination, 4-1 ROCKY MT. MIN. L. FDN. (2019).

Tara Righetti and Madeleine Lewis, *The Oil and Gas Lease, Part II: The Royalty Clause in an Oil and Gas Lease*, UT CLE March 2019.

Tara Righetti, *Forward*, in *Joint Operating Agreement: Applicability and Enforceability of Default Provisions* (Eduardo G. Pereira & Wan M. Zulhafiz Wan Zahari eds., Rocky Mt. Min. L. Fdn. 2018).

Tara Righetti, *Unseen Injury*, *Wyoming Lawyer* (Dec 2017).

Tara Righetti, *The Landowner Must Yield*, *Western Confluence*, (Summer 2016).

Tara Righetti, *Eminent Domain Authority for Upstream Gas Infrastructure: An Alternative Approach*, *Delivering Energy Law and Policy in the EU and the US*, Edinburgh University Press, (2016).

ACCEPTED PAPERS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Tara Righetti, *Associated and Incremental Storage: Opportunities for Increased CO₂ Removal with Enhanced Oil Recovery*, in *Climate GeoEngineering Law and Governance* (Wil Burns, David Dana, and Simon Nicholson, eds.), Springer, Forthcoming 2020

Tara Righetti, Stephen Easton, Charles Nye, *Kit and Reese Lanik v. Dauntless Oil and Gas, Inc.*, in THOMAS A. MAUET, THE HON. WARREN D. WOLFSON & STEPHEN D. EASTON, *MATERIALS IN TRIAL ADVOCACY: PROBLEMS & CASES* (10th ed. forthcoming 2022).

Tara Righetti, Temple Stoellinger, Kipp Coddington, Robert Godby, *Early Coal Plant Retirements: A Case Study of Energy Transition Policies in the States of Colorado, Montana, New Mexico and Wyoming*, (in progress)

Tara Righetti and Joe Schremmer, *Atmospheric Cotenants and the Law of Waste* (in progress)

Tara Righetti, Robert Kiter, Jason Robison, Sam Kalen, and Temple Stoellinger, *A Century of Natural Resource Federalism in Wyoming* (in progress)

FUNDED GRANTS

Principle Investigator, *Study on State's Policies & Regulations per CO₂-EOR Storage Conventional, ROZ and EOR in Shale: Permitting, Infrastructure, Incentives, Royalty Owners, Eminent Domain, Mineral-Pore Space, and Storage Lease Issues*, DE-FE- 002415-19-03, United States Energy Association, 2020.

Principle Investigator, *Carbon Dioxide Transportation and Enhanced Oil Recovery Policy Review*, Clear Path Foundation, 2019-2020.

Principle Investigator, *Emerging Market Analysis for Advanced Nuclear Energy*, Battelle Energy Alliance- Idaho National Labs, 2020.

Co-Investigator, *Energy Regulatory Research Group*, Charles Koch Foundation and David True Foundations, 2018-2020.

Task Leader, *Commercial-Scale Carbon Storage Complex Feasibility Study at Dry Fork Station, Wyoming*, DE-FOA-0001450, United States Department of Energy, 2018-2020

Senior Researcher, *Collaborative Research and Education on Synergized Transformational Solar Chemical Looping and Photo-Ultrasonic Renewable Biomass Refinery*, National Science Foundation, 2017-2019.

SELECTED CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

Webinar, Study on States' Policies & Regulations per CO₂-EOR Storage Conventional, ROZ and EOR in Shale, Midland CO₂-EOR Carbon Management Workshop, December 2020

Webinar, Study on States' Policies & Regulations per CO₂-EOR Storage Conventional, ROZ and EOR in Shale, United States Energy Association, December 2020

Wyoming's New Oil and Gas Permitting Process and Emerging Trends in Oil and Gas Law, *with* Jim Mowry, Wyoming State Bar Conference, Laramie, WY, September 2020

Priority and Possession in the Pore Space, Wyoming Association of Professional Landmen Annual Education Seminar, Sheridan, WY, August 2020

Presenter, Holds on Horizontal Drilling Under Mineral Easements: Disparate Views Among the States, American Bar Association, Real Property, Trust, and Estate Law Section, Professors Corner, Webinar, March 2020

Conference Committee, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation and AAPL, Advanced Landman Institute, Houston, TX, November 2019

Moderator, Current Issues Facing the Oil and Gas Industry, Landscape Discussion on Energy Law and Policy, Center for Law and Energy Resources in the Rockies, Laramie, Wyoming, October 2019

Split Estates, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Oil and Gas Law Short Course, Westminster, CO, October 2019

Basic Mineral Conveyancing, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Special Institute on Oil and Gas Mineral Title Examination, Westminster, CO, September 2019

The Indomitable Surface Estate, Vermont Law School Colloquium on Environmental Scholarship, South Royalton, VT, September 2019

American Association of Professional Geologists – Rocky Mountain Section Annual Meeting, *Lunchtime Keynote*, Cheyenne, WY, September 2019

Top Leasing, Wyoming Association of Professional Landmen Annual Education Seminar, Sheridan, WY, August 2019

Landman Section Chair, RMMLF 65th Annual Institute, Monterey California, July 2019

Mineral Development: Challenges & Opportunities in the Era of "America First," RMMLF Natural Resource Law Teachers Institute, Missoula, MT, May 2019

The Oil and Gas Lease, Part II: The Royalty Clause in an Oil and Gas Lease, Ernest Smith 2019
Fundamentals of Oil and Gas Law, Houston, TX, March 2019

The Reluctant Environmental Agency, Florida State University Distinguished Environmental
Speakers Series, Tallahassee, FL, February 2019

Moderator, Current Issues Facing the Oil and Gas Industry, Landscape Discussion on Energy Law
and Policy, Center for Law and Energy Resources in the Rockies, Laramie, Wyoming, October
2018

Split Estates, RMMLF Short Course on Oil and Gas Law, Houston, TX, October 2018

The Oil and Gas Lease: Comparative Perspectives from the Lessor and Lessee, Wyoming State
Bar Conference, Laramie, WY, September 2018 (with Bridget Hill)

Statutory Enactments Affecting Interests in Oil and Gas: Wyoming's Split Estate Act and Royalty
Payment Act, Wyoming Association of Professional Landmen Annual Education Seminar,
Sheridan, WY, August 2018

Environmental Considerations in Oil and Gas Conservation and Permitting, Rocky Mountain
Mineral Law Foundation Annual Institute, Victoria, British Columbia, July 2018

Contracting for Sustainability, Energy and Climate Change, Panelist, University of Arkansas Law
Review Symposium on Environmental Sustainability and Private Governance, University of
Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR Oct, 2017

The Wyoming Practitioner's Guide to Basic Concepts Underpinning Oil and Gas law, Wyoming
State Bar Conference, Cheyenne, WY, September 2017

Trespass Liability for Transboundary Migration of CO₂, Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage
Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2017

Siting CO₂ Pipelines: State and Federal Approaches to Common Carriage, Oil and Gas, Natural
Resources, and Energy Symposium, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK, April 2017

Reducing Natural Gas Waste in the Oil Patch, Dupont Summit on Science, Technology, and
Environmental Policy, Washington, D.C., December 2016

Why Not Value-Added Wyoming, Panelist, Governors Business Forum, Cheyenne, WY,
November 2016

Emerging Issues in the Energy Water Nexus, Wyoming State Bar ENR Section Summit, Casper,
WY, July 2016

The Role of the Social Cost of Carbon and Social Cost of Methane in Public Land Use Decision
Making and Resource Planning, Arizona State University, Sustainability Conference of American
Legal Educators, Phoenix, AZ May 2016

Unseen Injury: An Exploration of Subsurface Torts, LSU Distinguished Lecture in Energy, Louisiana State University Law School, Baton Rouge, LA, March 2016

The Expanding Role of the Social Cost of Carbon in Energy Project Development, Energy Policy Research Conference, Denver, CO, September 2015

Surface Access to Severed Federal Minerals, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute, Anchorage, AK, July 2015

Avoidably Lost, Idaho Symposium on Energy in the West, Sun Valley, Idaho, November 2014

Moderator, Emerging Issues Panel, Landscape Discussion on Energy Law and Policy, Center for Law and Energy Resources in the Rockies, Laramie, Wyoming, October 2014

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Berkeley GeoImaging, LLC, Oakland, CA

Chief Executive Officer & Senior Counsel (January 2013 - July 2014)

Chief Operating Officer & Senior Counsel (August 2012 - December 2012)

Counsel, Offshore & Gulf Coast (2010 - 2012)

Associate Attorney (2008 - 2009)

Summer Associate - Legal & Land (2007)

StructuredRisk, San Ramon, CA

VP of Corporate Communications (2006-2007)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & BAR ADMISSIONS

State Bar of California, Member since 2008 (inactive)

State Bar of Texas, Member since 2014

American Association of Petroleum Landmen, Member since 2009, CPL since 2014

HONORS, AWARDS, & AFFILIATIONS

Faculty Fellow, Center for Energy Regulation and Policy Analysis

SER Neilson Fellow, appointed October 2020

Member, 2015 Faculty Learning Community in Collaborative Communication and Teaching

Top Prof, School of Energy Resources, Mortar Board, 2016

Faculty Extraordinary Merit Award, College of Law, 2016

BOARD POSITIONS

Albany County Safe Project, Laramie, WY, Appointed 2018

Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, Trustee-at-Large, Appointed 2018

- Co-Chair, Diversity and Inclusion Task Force, Appointed 2020