

TARA RIGHETTI, J.D., CPL

NOMINATION – BLANKENSHIP FAMILY HORIZON AWARD

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

As lawyer, landman, professor, scholar, 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. In 2021, she was named Fulbright Research Scholar – a prestigious scholarship widely recognized. 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. The University of Wyoming is one of AAPL's 16 highly respected accredited programs across the nation.

Tara was and continues to be a 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. Tara is currently Occidental Chair in Energy and Environmental Policies and Co-Director, Nuclear Energy Research Center. Her passion for studies related to all forms of energy color her entire career.

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, publications, presentations and awards and grants. 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. I am delighted to recommend her to you.

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EDUCATION

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B.A., *French*, 2021

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Director, Program in Professional Land Management, *2016 - 2020*

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Term 6 Visiting Faculty, *2019*

PUBLISHED WORKS

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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 (December 2017).

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 ENVTL. L. REP. (Envtl. Law Inst.) 10420 (May 2017).

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 & ENVTL. 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).

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, *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).

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

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

ACCEPTED PAPERS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

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, *Les déchets en tant que marchandises : améliorer l'utilisation du CO₂ dans l'union européenne* (accepted, forthcoming January 2023)

Tim Fitzgerald and **Tara Righetti**, *Valuing Pore Space as an Economic Asset* (submission expected January 2023)

Tara Righetti, et. al, *The Appropriateness Factor: Incorporating Robust Community Engagement into Nuclear Energy Siting Decisions* (submission expected February 2023)

SELECTED CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

Resilience and Renewal in Energy Communities: A Comparison of Policy Responses in the U.S. and E.U., Wyoming's Energy Future Symposium, State Bar of Wyoming & University of Wyoming College of Law, Laramie, WY (Sept. 2022).

Property, Power, and Place: Legal Opposition to Compulsory Siting of Carbon Removal Infrastructure, Montana State University, Agricultural Humanities in Transatlantic Perspective, Bozeman, MT (Sept. 2022).

Organizer and Presenter, *L'Économie Circulaire du Carbone*, Université de Lille, Lille, FR (Juin 2022).

CCUS in Coal Country: Net-Negative Emissions and Wyoming's Fight for Energy-Transition Inclusion, Workshop, Transatlantic Exploration of Grassroots Mediations in the Battle Against Climate Change, LAP EHES CNRS, Paris, FR (May 2022).

La résistance à la transition énergétique aux États-Unis, Séminaire AMURE, Université de Brest, Centre de droit et d'économie de la mer, par visio (Mar. 2022)

Le gouvernement de changement climatique aux États-Unis: le droit et la politique, Université d'Artois, Douai, FR (Mar. 2022).

Leasing and Pore Space Considerations: Carbon Storage on Public Lands, Roundtable on Carbon Transport R&D Priorities for Existing Pipelines, DOE Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management & United States Energy Association, Webinar (Feb. 2022).

Government Accountability Office, Expert Meeting on Carbon Management Technologies (Feb. 2022).

From Wyoming to Warsaw: Local Implications of Civil Nuclear Exports, The Impact of the Climate and Trade Agenda on US Civil Nuclear Exports, The Atlantic Council, Webinar (Dec. 2021).

Organizer, Moderator, and Presenter, *Carbon Capture: Federal and State Legislative Updates and Emerging Policy*, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute, Webinar, Sept. 2021.

Moderator, *Advanced Energy Technologies: Legal and Environmental Considerations for Small Modular Reactors*, Webinar, June 2021.

The Carbon Storage Landman: Retooling land practice for CCUS, WAPL Annual Meeting, Casper, WY, June 2021.

CCUS in the Western U.S., Carbon Removal in the West, Panelist, ABA Climate Change in the West: Land, People, Markets, and Law, June 2021, Webinar.

Royalty Litigation Update, LSU Mineral Law Institute, Webinar, April 2021

The Oil and Gas Lease, Part II: The Royalty Clause in an Oil and Gas Lease, Ernest Smith 2021 Fundamentals of Oil and Gas Law, Webinar, March 2021

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

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

Cotenants in the Atmosphere and the Law of Waste, with Joe Schremmer, Vermont Law School Colloquium on Environmental Scholarship, South Royalton, VT, September 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

Liberating Split Estates, 8th Annual Sabin Colloquium on Innovative Environmental Law Scholarship, Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, Columbia Law School, NYC, NY, May 2020

Holds on Horizontal Drilling Under Mineral Easements: Disparate Views Among the States, Presenter, 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

Lunchtime Keynote, American Association of Professional Geologists – Rocky Mountain Section Annual Meeting, 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, with Bridget Hill, Wyoming State Bar Conference, Laramie, WY, September 2018

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

AWARDS AND GRANTS

U.S. Department of Energy, Nuclear Energy University Program, Collaborator, *Open Architecture for Nuclear Cost Reduction*, (Ben Lindley, Lead-PI, with collaborators Awad Hanna, Temple Stoellinger, Tracey Becker, Andrew Foss, Sunming Qin, and Eric Ingersoll (\$800,000 total) (2022-2025).

U.S. Department of Energy, Nuclear Energy University Program, Collaborator, *Engaging Wyoming communities in an environmental justice approach for advanced nuclear energy facility siting*. (Rachael Budowle, lead PI, with collaborators Denia Djokić, Aditi Verma, Steve Smutko, Temple Stoellinger, and Matthew Henry)(\$800,000 total) (2022-2025).

Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, Faculty Research Grant, \$4,500

Flittie Sabbatical Augmentation Award, \$12,000

Idaho National Laboratory, Emerging Market Analysis Initiative, Principal Investigator, *Program Development Collaboration with the University of Wyoming*, \$307,428 (2020-2023)

U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy, Clean Coal, and Carbon Management, Subtask Leader, *Wyoming CarbonSAFE: Accelerating CCUS Commercialization and Deployment at Dry Fork Power Station and the Wyoming Integrated Test Center*, (Scott Quillinan, Fred McLaughlin, and Kipp Coddington, Co-PIs, for ≈\$14.8M total) (2021-2023)

U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy, Clean Coal, and Carbon Management, Subtask Leader, *DE-FE0031624 Commercial Scale Carbon Storage Complex Feasibility Study at Dry Fork Station, Wyoming*, (Scott Quillinan and Kipp Coddington, Co-PIs, for ≈\$10.5M total) (2018-2020)

United States Energy Association, Lead Investigator, *IRFP-DE-FE 002415-19-13, STUDY ON STATE'S POLICIES AND 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*, (with Jesse Richardson, Sam Taylor, and Kris Koski for \$166,569 total)

Clear Path Foundation, Co-Principal Investigator, *CCUS Regulatory and Policy Assessments*, (with Kipp Coddington for \$36,349 total)

U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy, Clean Coal, and Carbon Management, Subtask Leader, *DE-FE0029375, Integrated Commercial Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS)*

Prefeasibility Study at Dry Fork Station, Wyoming, (Scott Quillinan and Kipp Coddington, co-PIs, ≈\$1.1M total) (2017-2019)

U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy, Clean Coal, and Carbon Management,
Subtask Leader, DE-FE0029302, Integrated Pre-Feasibility Study of a Commercial-Scale Carbon CCS Project in Formations of the Rock Springs Uplift, Wyoming, (Fred McLaughlin and Kipp Coddington, Co-PIs, ≈\$1.1M total) (2017-2019)

National Science Foundation, EPSCoR Research Institute, Senior Researcher, RII Track-2 FEC,
Collaborative Synergized Transformational Solar Chemical Looping and Photo-Ultrasonic Renewable Biomass Refinery, (with Dr. Jerzy Leszczynski, Dr. WeipYin Chen, Dr. Maohong Fan, and Dr. Paresh Ray, Co-Investigators, for ≈\$6M total) (2017-2020)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Berkeley GeoImaging, LLC, Oakland, CA

Interim CEO (2013 - 2014)

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

Wyoming Association of Professional Landmen, Member since 2014

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Albany County Safe Project, Laramie, WY, Board Member, Appointed 2018

Board Secretary, 2020-current

Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation,

Vice-Chair, Diversity and Inclusion Task Force, 2020 - Current

Special Institutes Committee Member, 2018 - Current

Trustee-At Large, 2018-2021

U.S. Technical Advisory Group to ISO TC-265 – Carbon Dioxide Capture, Transportation, and Geological Storage

Member, July 2022 - Current

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

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 ENVTL. L. REP. (Envtl. Law Inst.) 10420 (May 2017).

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 & ENVTL. L. 56 (2017).

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

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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).

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

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

ACCEPTED PAPERS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

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, *Les déchets en tant que marchandises : améliorer l'utilisation du CO₂ dans l'union européenne* (accepted, forthcoming January 2023)

Tim Fitzgerald and **Tara Righetti**, *Valuing Pore Space as an Economic Asset* (submission expected January 2023)

Tara Righetti, et. al, *The Appropriateness Factor: Incorporating Robust Community Engagement into Nuclear Energy Siting Decisions* (submission expected February 2023)

SELECTED CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

Resilience and Renewal in Energy Communities: A Comparison of Policy Responses in the U.S. and E.U., Wyoming's Energy Future Symposium, State Bar of Wyoming & University of Wyoming College of Law, Laramie, WY (Sept. 2022).

Property, Power, and Place: Legal Opposition to Compulsory Siting of Carbon Removal Infrastructure, Montana State University, Agricultural Humanities in Transatlantic Perspective, Bozeman, MT (Sept. 2022).

Organizer and Presenter, *L'Économie Circulaire du Carbone*, Université de Lille, Lille, FR (Juin 2022).

CCUS in Coal Country: Net-Negative Emissions and Wyoming's Fight for Energy-Transition Inclusion, Workshop, Transatlantic Exploration of Grassroots Mediations in the Battle Against Climate Change, LAP EHES CNRS, Paris, FR (May 2022).

La résistance à la transition énergétique aux États-Unis, Séminaire AMURE, Université de Brest, Centre de droit et d'économie de la mer, par visio (Mar. 2022)

Le gouvernement de changement climatique aux États-Unis: le droit et la politique, Université d'Artois, Douai, FR (Mar. 2022).

Leasing and Pore Space Considerations: Carbon Storage on Public Lands, Roundtable on Carbon Transport R&D Priorities for Existing Pipelines, DOE Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management & United States Energy Association, Webinar (Feb. 2022).

Government Accountability Office, Expert Meeting on Carbon Management Technologies (Feb. 2022).

From Wyoming to Warsaw: Local Implications of Civil Nuclear Exports, The Impact of the Climate and Trade Agenda on US Civil Nuclear Exports, The Atlantic Council, Webinar (Dec. 2021).

Organizer, Moderator, and Presenter, *Carbon Capture: Federal and State Legislative Updates and Emerging Policy*, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute, Webinar, Sept. 2021.

Moderator, *Advanced Energy Technologies: Legal and Environmental Considerations for Small Modular Reactors*, Webinar, June 2021.

The Carbon Storage Landman: Retooling land practice for CCUS, WAPL Annual Meeting, Casper, WY, June 2021.

CCUS in the Western U.S., Carbon Removal in the West, Panelist, ABA Climate Change in the West: Land, People, Markets, and Law, June 2021, Webinar.

Royalty Litigation Update, LSU Mineral Law Institute, Webinar, April 2021

The Oil and Gas Lease, Part II: The Royalty Clause in an Oil and Gas Lease, Ernest Smith 2021 Fundamentals of Oil and Gas Law, Webinar, March 2021

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

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

Cotenants in the Atmosphere and the Law of Waste, with Joe Schremmer, Vermont Law School Colloquium on Environmental Scholarship, South Royalton, VT, September 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

Liberating Split Estates, 8th Annual Sabin Colloquium on Innovative Environmental Law Scholarship, Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, Columbia Law School, NYC, NY, May 2020

Holds on Horizontal Drilling Under Mineral Easements: Disparate Views Among the States, Presenter, 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

Lunchtime Keynote, American Association of Professional Geologists – Rocky Mountain Section Annual Meeting, 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, with Bridget Hill, Wyoming State Bar Conference, Laramie, WY, September 2018

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

AWARDS AND GRANTS

U.S. Department of Energy, Nuclear Energy University Program, Collaborator, *Open Architecture for Nuclear Cost Reduction*, (Ben Lindley, Lead-PI, with collaborators Awad Hanna, Temple Stoellinger, Tracey Becker, Andrew Foss, Sunming Qin, and Eric Ingersoll (\$800,000 total) (2022-2025).

U.S. Department of Energy, Nuclear Energy University Program, Collaborator, *Engaging Wyoming communities in an environmental justice approach for advanced nuclear energy facility siting*. (Rachael Budowle, lead PI, with collaborators Denia Djokić, Aditi Verma, Steve Smutko, Temple Stoellinger, and Matthew Henry)(\$800,000 total) (2022-2025).

Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, Faculty Research Grant, \$4,500

Flittie Sabbatical Augmentation Award, \$12,000

Idaho National Laboratory, Emerging Market Analysis Initiative, Principal Investigator, *Program Development Collaboration with the University of Wyoming*, \$307,428 (2020-2023)

U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy, Clean Coal, and Carbon Management, Subtask Leader, *Wyoming CarbonSAFE: Accelerating CCUS Commercialization and Deployment at Dry Fork Power Station and the Wyoming Integrated Test Center*, (Scott Quillinan, Fred McLaughlin, and Kipp Coddington, Co-PIs, for ≈\$14.8M total) (2021-2023)

U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy, Clean Coal, and Carbon Management, Subtask Leader, *DE-FE0031624 Commercial Scale Carbon Storage Complex Feasibility Study at Dry Fork Station, Wyoming*, (Scott Quillinan and Kipp Coddington, Co-PIs, for ≈\$10.5M total) (2018-2020)

United States Energy Association, Lead Investigator, *IRFP-DE-FE 002415-19-13, STUDY ON STATE'S POLICIES AND 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*, (with Jesse Richardson, Sam Taylor, and Kris Koski for \$166,569 total)

Clear Path Foundation, Co-Principal Investigator, *CCUS Regulatory and Policy Assessments*, (with Kipp Coddington for \$36,349 total)

U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy, Clean Coal, and Carbon Management, Subtask Leader, *DE-FE0029375, Integrated Commercial Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS)*

Prefeasibility Study at Dry Fork Station, Wyoming, (Scott Quillinan and Kipp Coddington, co-PIs, ≈\$1.1M total) (2017-2019)

U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy, Clean Coal, and Carbon Management,
Subtask Leader, *DE-FE0029302, Integrated Pre-Feasibility Study of a Commercial-Scale Carbon CCS Project in Formations of the Rock Springs Uplift, Wyoming,* (Fred McLaughlin and Kipp Coddington, Co-PIs, ≈\$1.1M total) (2017-2019)

National Science Foundation, EPSCoR Research Institute, Senior Researcher, RII Track-2 FEC,
Collaborative Synergized Transformational Solar Chemical Looping and Photo-Ultrasonic Renewable Biomass Refinery, (with Dr. Jerzy Leszczynski, Dr. WeipYin Chen, Dr. Maohong Fan, and Dr. Paresh Ray, Co-Investigators, for ≈\$6M total) (2017-2020)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Berkeley GeoImaging, LLC, Oakland, CA

Interim CEO (2013 - 2014)

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

Wyoming Association of Professional Landmen, Member since 2014

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Albany County Safe Project, Laramie, WY, Board Member, Appointed 2018

Board Secretary, 2020-current

Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation,

Vice-Chair, Diversity and Inclusion Task Force, 2020 - Current

Special Institutes Committee Member, 2018 - Current

Trustee-At Large, 2018-2021

U.S. Technical Advisory Group to ISO TC-265 – Carbon Dioxide Capture, Transportation, and Geological Storage

Member, July 2022 - Current