



The month of February proved to be busy but productive as usual for the Journal board and staff. TJOGEL hosted several events including the 1L Career Advice Panel, a happy hour, and a roundtable luncheon. Editors are making record progress on completing editing assignments, and Volume 4:2 will be one of our largest issues. The transition from the 2008-2009 Board to the 2009-2010 Board has already begun as Executive Board interviews were held in the past month and Editorial Board interviews will be held next week. Old and new board members and staffers are working hard to keep up the Journal's success.



Charles Matthews Roundtable Luncheon

On February 26 twenty-six students from the Journal and Society had the opportunity to have lunch with Vice President and General Counsel of ExxonMobil, Charles Matthews. Mr. Matthews has been a key player in ExxonMobil's history from the litigation spurned by the Exxon Valdez oil tanker spill to the merger of Exxon with the Mobil Corporation. In answering students' questions, Mr. Matthews offered sound advice on the energy industry, effective corporate counsel, and effective lawyering. *In the energy industry, always look at the long-term horizon.* When one student asked Mr. Matthews' prediction on the future of oil prices, Mr. Matthews responded that (1) if he could accurately predict the price, he wouldn't be sitting here today, and (2) that the short-term price of oil and gas is not his main focus. Mr. Matthews advised students that whenever they are dealing with the energy industry, they must think long-term. Exxon's current challenge is to plan and deal with the growing demand for oil worldwide and being able to meet that demand, not just in 2010, but in 2050. *Leadership is an important part of lawyering.* Mr. Matthews advised students that it takes many attributes to be a great lawyer. Not only does effective lawyering require knowing the law and knowing it well, it also requires great communication skills, the ability to gain the client's confidence, and unwavering ethics. On top of all this, a great lawyer must also be a true leader to his peers, clients, and community. *Never forget your loyalty to the law.* One student asked Mr. Matthews how a General Counsel can keep his client within the bounds of the law without getting the reputation of being a deal-killer. Mr. Matthews responded that the most trusted and respected lawyers are those who always remember their true loyalty is to the law above all else. When a client is asking for a lawyer's advice, he is seeking a way to stay within the bounds of the law and will trust the lawyer who will guide him in how to do so. A lawyer may have to become a little creative to find a way to meet his client's goals, but he must always be respected. The Journal greatly appreciates Mr. Matthews taking the time to speak with us.

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Articles to Look For

Master Limited Partnerships: At the Crossroads?: Philip H. Peacock's recent developments article deals with the question of whether master limited partnerships will have a significant role in the energy industry in the future. This article first offers an excellent overview and explanation of the MLP structure and its advantages and disadvantages and then explores some of the reasons why the MLP market was so difficult in 2008. The article also offers predictions about the future of MLPs.

The Tug of War That is Urban Drilling in Texas: A Survey of the Issues an Operator Will Face: Written by Billie Ann Maxwell, the Journal's current Managing Editor, this student note provides an analysis of the urban drilling opportunities created in Texas by the development of the Barnett Shale. The author looks at the issue from the perspective of the operator. She also outlines the economics of urban drilling as well as the purposes and policies that should guide future legislation and regulation in this area.

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Volume 4:1 Release Party and Welcome to New Staff:

Thank you to everyone who attended the Happy Hour at Thistle Café on February 12! We are very excited about the release of Volume 4:1 of the Journal as well as the 19 new students who joined our staff this spring. We always enjoy the opportunity to speak with local attorneys and to make new contacts and friends. We hope to see you all again at our next event!

1L Career Advice Panel

On February 11 TJOGEL hosted its first 1L Career Advice Panel open to all 1Ls at the Law School. Over the past few months, many 1L members of the Texas Oil & Gas Law Society had been asking 2L and 3L Journal members for advice on summer opportunities. From these questions, the idea of the Career Advice Panel was born. Six Journal panelists shared their 1L summer experiences with current 1L students, discussing the pros and cons of each situation. The panel was especially timely in today's economy when 1Ls are faced with fewer job opportunities through the On-Campus Interview process. The panelists discussed such alternatives to the big-firm summer as medium and small-sized firms, judicial internships, government work, the UT System, working abroad, and summer school. We hope to make this an annual event and a valuable resource for students.

Dates to Remember

- **March 5** — Roundtable Luncheon featuring Becky Miller of Scott Douglass
- **March 9** — Full 2009-2010 Board announced
- **April 9** — Roundtable Luncheon featuring Ted Matula of Duke Energy
- **TBD** — End of Year Celebration

Meet the Board & Associate Editors



Danielle M. Mangrum, Assistant Managing Editor: Danielle Mangrum is a second-year student and this year's Assistant Managing Editor. She has also just been named the 2009-2010 Editor-in-Chief of the Journal. Danielle became interested in energy law from several summers interning at J-W Operating Company, a gas gathering company in her hometown of Longview, Texas. She graduated from St. Edward's University in 2003 with her B.B.A. in Economics and minor in English Writing and Rhetoric. While at St. Edward's, she played on the University's Division II softball team. She continues to play softball in her spare time, as well as watch baseball and other sports. Danielle plans to do transactional work in energy and corporate law.



Daniel Lynch, Associate Editor: Dan Lynch, also a second-year student, is one of this year's Associate Editors. Associate Editors are one of the most valuable members to the TJOGEL editing process as they are each in charge of an entire article, and Dan has been a great asset to the Journal in this position. He graduated from Indiana University's Kelley School of Business in 2006 with majors in Business Economic Consulting and Public Policy Analysis. Growing up in Bluffton, Indiana, Dan became interested in energy law during the Midwest ethanol craze; the largely agrarian community was excited about this new possibility for economic development. Before attending UT Law, Dan lived in California and developed a love for surfing.



J. Austin Barton, Associate Editor: Austin Barton is also a second-year student and current Associate Editor. Austin will serve the Journal next year as the Chief Articles Editor, and he was recently named TJOGEL's Editor of the Year. In 2007 Austin graduated from Austin College



recently named TIOGEL's Editor of the Year. In 2007 Austin graduated from Austin College earning his B.A. in Political Science. From Big Spring, Texas, he has grown up around the energy industry, and his family is in the oil and gas business. Austin has even had the opportunity to witness wind turbines and wind farms being erected out in West Texas while growing up.

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