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Hometown: Southlake, Texas

Biography: Lyle is 3L interested in oil and gas transactions. He has been involved in TJOGEL since his first day at Texas Law and served as Society Director for Vol. 17.

Work: Summer Associate at Kirkland & Ellis, Houston

Interests: Texas history, history of the oil and gas industry, fly-fishing, and hunting



Darby Sorrels
Managing Editor

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Hometown: Houston, Texas

Biography: Darby is a 3L interested in energy transactions. She has a twin brother who is also a 3L at Texas Law.

Work: Summer Associate at Haynes Boone, Houston

Interests: Working out, watching NFL and college football games, and trying new restaurants around Austin.



Cole Anthony
Chief Articles Editor

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Hometown: Leawood, KS

Biography: Cole is a 3L interested in Venture Capital Law and Emerging Technologies. Prior to law school, Cole spent 3 years working in the Corporate Treasury group of ExxonMobil.

Work: Summer Associate at Polsinelli PC, Denver

Interests: Running, cooking, writing, and collecting vintage records



Christopher Moore

Executive Editor

Education: J.D. expected 2023, Hofstra University BA History & Political Science '19

Hometown: New York, New York

Biography: Chris is a 3L with an interest in renewable energy law. He is excited to join the executive board of TJOGEL and to help continue to facilitate the Journal's legacy of excellent energy law scholarship.

Work: City of Austin Municipal Court, Austin

Interests: Guitar, running, weightlifting, cooking, reading, and writing



Marshall Moorhouse

Chief Operations Officer

Education: J.D. expected 2023, Texas A&M BBA Business Management '16, Texas A&M MS Sports Management '17

Hometown: Corpus Christi, Texas

Biography: Marshall is a 3L interested in oil and gas transactions. Before law school, he had a career as a college basketball coach.

Work: Summer Associate at Locke Lord, Houston

Interests: Golf, fishing, and cheering on the Aggies.



Sterling Lykes

Submissions Director

Education: J.D. expected 2023, Georgetown University BA English and Spanish '19

Hometown: Victoria, TX

Biography: Sterling is a 3L who wants to work on private mergers and acquisitions. As a South Texas native, Sterling has always had an interest in working with clients in the oil and gas industry. As such, he is grateful to the Journal for the opportunity to explore his professional interests and is excited to serve on the Executive Board.

Work: Summer Associate at Kirkland & Ellis, Houston

Interests: International travel, wine, and scuba diving



Anna Taylor
Recent Developments Editor

Education: J.D. expected 2023, University of Texas BA Humanities and Government '20

Hometown: Liberty Hill, Texas

Biography: Anna is a rising 2L interested in energy law and tax law. Anna graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 2020.

Work: Summer Associate at Mayer Brown, Houston

Interests: Racing motorcycles, cooking, and learning Italian



Alexander Tran
Internal Chief Financial Officer

Education: J.D. expected 2023, University of Alabama BS Commerce and Business Administration, Major in Finance & Economics '20

Hometown: Pee wee Valley, KY

Biography: Alex is a 3L from Pewee Valley, KY. He graduated with a degree in finance and economics from The University of Alabama and is interested in transactional law within the oil and gas industry.

Work: Summer Associate at Holland & Knight, Dallas

Interests: Golf, travel photography, and Alabama football



Sarah Kaplan
Symposium Director

Education: J.D. expected 2023, University of Texas BS Public Relations '20

Hometown: Houston, Texas

Biography: Sarah is a 3L interested in litigation and white collar investigations. She has always dreamed of being at Texas Law (her parents met here!) and has enjoyed every moment. Sarah is studying abroad in Nottingham next semester and looks forward to her final year at UT!

Work: Summer Associate at Kirkland & Ellis, Houston

Interests: Cooking, decorating birthday cakes, going to OrangeTheory classes, and watching documentaries



Enrique Rodriguez
Banquet Director

Education: J.D. expected 2023, Harvard University, BA Government '18

Hometown: Fort Worth, Texas

Biography: Ricky is a 3L interested in practicing transactional law in his home state of Texas. He has been involved in TJOGEL since his 1L year and looks forward to serving on the Executive Board.

Work: Summer Associate at Kirkland & Ellis, Dallas

Interests: MLB, LEGO, and vexillology.



Hayden Cox
External Chief Financial Officer

Education: J.D. expected 2023, Furman University BA Psychology & English '18

Hometown: Johns Creek, Georgia

Biography: Hayden is a 3L interested in working with emerging growth companies and venture capital investors, particularly within the energy industry. Outside of law school, Hayden is heavily involved in Austin's running community and his company Railroad Athletics. He also coaches some of the fastest distance runners in Texas.

Work: Summer Associate at Orrick, Herrington, & Sutcliffe, Austin

Interests: College sports, creative writing, and golf



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Assistant Managing Editor

Education: J.D. expected 2024, University of Alabama BS Nursing '19

Hometown: Houston, Texas

Biography: Katherine is a 2L interested in practicing law in Houston.

Work: Summer Associate at Arnold & Itkin, Houston

Interests: Golfing, exploring new restaurants, and walking Buffalo Bayou with her goldendoodle



Hana Arriaga
Director of Development

Education: J.D. expected 2024, University of Texas BA International Relations and Global Studies '21

Hometown: Austin, Texas

Biography: Hana is a 2L interested in corporate transactions. She is particularly fascinated by the intersection of entrepreneurship and the law, having grown up in the restaurant industry and managing her 501(c)(3) non-profit SCORE Athletics.

Work: Legal intern at SolarWinds, Austin

Interests: Yoga, tennis, indoor volleyball, and enjoying the Austin food scene



William Hendrickson
Director of Development

Education: J.D. expected 2024, University of Oklahoma BBA Energy Management and Finance '20

Hometown: Houston, Texas

Biography: William is a 2L interested in all manner of financial and energy law. After interning for several upstream oil and gas companies, William chose to attend law school after attending a policy trip to Washington D.C. with his university. He selected Texas Law School precisely for its ties to the energy industry and the Texas Journal of Oil, Gas, and Energy Law.

Work: Looking for a summer position

Interests: Tennis, fly fishing, crosswords, and cooking



Laura Beth Bienhoff
Articles Editor

Education: J.D. expected 2024, Kansas State BS '05 & Duke University M.B.A. '18

Hometown: Houston, TX

Biography: Laura Beth is a 1L pursuing a second career in law, with a specific interest in litigation and appellate practice. Her first career was with ExxonMobile, where she held a variety of commercial roles across the upstream. She looks forward to applying her knowledge and experience to oil and gas litigation.

Work: Summer Associate at Haynes and Boone, Houston

Interests: Walking her dog while listening to podcasts, crocheting, hockey



Diego Guimarães-Blandón

Articles Editor

Education: J.D. expected 2024, Williams College BA Chemistry '18

Hometown: Miami, FL

Biography: Diego is a 2L interested in the international aspect of oil, gas, and energy law. Coming from a Brazilian and Nicaraguan background, Diego's interest is primarily in the role that Latin America plays in the industry. Diego is part of a world-record team for the fast build of a LEGO Star Wars Super Star Destroyer.

Work: Summer Associate at Hogan Lovells, Houston

Interests: Soccer, Tennis, LEGO, and clothing/fasion



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Articles Editor

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Hometown: McAllen, Texas

Biography: Taylor is interested in energy law, and she hopes to have a transactional practice with a global reach.

Work: Summer Associate at Norton Rose Fulbright, Houston

Interests: Languages, traveling, and yoga



Fatima Jamal

Articles Editor

Education: J.D. expected 2024, George Washington University BA International Affairs and Political Science '19

Hometown: Victorville, CA and Muscat, Oman

Biography: Fatima is a 2L. Prior to law school, she was a compliance and due-diligence investigator at a risk consulting company in Washington, D.C. Fatima once studied abroad in Uganda, where she focused on Post-Conflict Transformation.

Work: Summer Associate at White & Case, Houston

Interests: Hiking, podcasts, and running



Ian Silfies
Articles Editor

Education: J.D. expected 2024, Misericordia University BA Government, Law, and National Security & Philosophy '20

Hometown: Palmerton, Pennsylvania

Biography: Ian is an incoming 2L interested in transactional law such as M&A, bankruptcy, capital markets, finance, and energy law. He chose to attend Texas Law because of his desire to stay in Texas after graduation and the University's close-knit student body, leading professors, and large alumni network.

Work: Judicial Intern for the Honorable Amos L. Mazzant III, Eastern District of Texas, Sherman

Interests: Golfing, fishing, watching movies, and trying new restaurants



William Sladic
Articles Editor

Education: J.D. expected 2024, Texas A&M University BS Petroleum Engineering '20

Hometown: Houston, Texas

Biography: Will is a rising 2L who is interested in energy law and energy transactions. Before starting law school, Will spent a year working in Washington, D.C. for a Texas Congressman. After graduating law school, Will hopes to start his career in Houston.

Work: Summer Associate at Vinson & Elkins, Houston

Interests: Fly-fishing, golf, and spending time with friends and family



Emma Grace Butler
Submissions Associate

Education: J.D. expected 2024, Vanderbilt University BS Human Organizational Development '19

Hometown: Houston, Texas

Biography: Emma Grace is currently a 2L with a focus on transactional law. Emma Grace worked as a Management Consulting Analyst with Accenture in Washington, D.C. for two years after graduating from Vanderbilt.

Work: Summer Associate at Baker Botts, Houston

Interests: Equestrian, reading, and running



Blake Cleary
Submissions Associate

Education: J.D. expected 2024, University of Mississippi BBA Management '20

Hometown: Bowling Green, KY

Biography: Blake is a 2L interested in M&A. When he moved to Texas, Blake knew that the oil and gas industry is king. As such, he eagerly joined the Journal to learn more about the industry and is excited to contribute to its continued success.

Work: Summer Associate at Kirkland & Ellis, Houston

Interests: Running, rock climbing, reading generational novels, and watching movies



Kristopher Hildebrand
Associate Recent Developments Editor

Education: J.D. expected 2024, University of Tulsa BS Petroleum Engineering '19

Hometown: Milwaukee, WI

Biography: Kris is a 2L interested in Energy Law. During the Texas winter storm, Kris worked as a power generation dispatcher in Dallas. Kris spends most of his vacation time backpacking through national parks.

Work: Summer Associate at Vinson & Elkins, Houston

Interests: Backpacking, running, swimming, and playing chess



Sarah Prentice
Associate Recent Developments Editor

Education: J.D. expected 2024, Florida State BS Geology '17, University of Texas MS Energy and Earth Resources '19

Hometown: Tallahassee, Florida

Biography: Sarah is a 1L who is interested in transactional/regulatory energy law. Prior to coming to law school she was a Carbon Capture and Utilization Researcher/Geoscientist.

Work: Texas Education Agency Intern and Oil and Gas Law Research Assistant

Interests: Baking, reading, and gardening



Logan Tinley
Director of Media

Education: J.D/M.B.A. expected 2025, Vanderbilt University BS Engineering Science and Economics '21

Hometown: Fort Worth, Texas

Biography: Logan is a 2L interested in transactional law. He is the founder of the Ascending Frontiers Pediatric Cancer Foundation and was the youngest American to ever circumnavigate the world solo by airplane in 2019.

Work: Legal intern at HID Global, Austin

Interests: Aviation, scuba diving, and cooking



Dakota Priest
Society Director

Education: J.D. expected 2024, Texas A&M University BA Business Honors '18

Hometown: Waco, Texas

Biography: Dakota is a 2L who enjoys applying his entrepreneurial spirit to the energy industry. He also has hands-on experience from growing his methane capture business Frontier Bionergy Systems.

Work: Summer Associate at Kirkland & Ellis, Austin

Interests: Bowhunting, working out, hanging with his wife Avery and his daughter Emmy Ralph.



William Bledsoe
Operations Associate

Education: J.D. expected 2024, University of Kansas BS Chemical Engineering '20

Hometown: Leawood, KS

Biography: Will is an incoming 2L with an interest in Energy Law. Will loves the Kansas City Chiefs, Kansas Basketball, and a beer combined with those activities is always welcome.

Work: Summer Associate at Bracewell LLP, Houston

Interests: Snow skiing, hiking, playing bad golf, watching sports, and playing chess



Ridley Holmes
Symposium Associate

Education: J.D. expected 2024, Baylor University BBA Baylor Business Fellows, Economics, Finance, and Political Science '20

Hometown: Waco, Texas

Biography: Ridley is a 2L who is interested in pursuing transactional work in Real Estate or M&A. He hopes to be able to utilize his finance background in his future workplace, but is also eager to find an outlet for the interest in First Amendment Rights he cultivated at Baylor.

Work: Intern for the Honorable Don Willett, 5th Circuit Court of Appeals

Interests: Marathon running, cooking, and thrift shopping



Ethan Twining
Symposium Associate

Education: J.D. expected 2024, Texas A&M BBA Supply Chain Management and Business Honors '21

Hometown: Austin, Texas

Biography: Ethan is a 2L interested in oil and gas law. He wants to pursue a career in Houston practicing corporate law. In his free time, Ethan loves catching a game or playing a round of golf with friends.

Work: Summer Associate at Vinson & Elkins, Houston

Interests: Golf, college football, and Formula 1



Jack Taylor
Administrative Editor

Education: J.D. expected 2023, UNC Chapel Hill BA History and Political Science '18

Hometown: Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Biography: Jack is a 3L interested in corporate renewable energy law. Before law school, Jack studied History and Political Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and worked in politics and law in Washington D.C.

Work: Summer Associate at Bracewell, Houston

Interests: Snowboarding, listening to podcasts, and watching movies