

Bob West, Attorney at Law, Whitaker, Chalk, Swindle & Sawyer, LLP
“Barnett Shale – Leasing and Current Issues”

This presentation will provide a brief overview of leasing and drilling activity in the Barnett shale formation of north central Texas, and information on current trends and emerging issues relating to leasing, drilling, and surface use. Discussion will also include comments on Railroad Commission of Texas Rule 37 Exception Permits, use by operators of “no perf” zones to obtaining drilling permits, and the status of forced pooling under the Texas Mineral Interest Pooling Act.

Reginald E. Cassibry, Attorney at Law, Blanchard, Walker, O’Quin & Roberts
“The Haynesville Shale Play and Louisiana Title Issues”

Overview of the Haynesville Shale Play in general and discussion of some Louisiana title issues which are important to lease and division order analysts, more specifically, problems with ownership of the beds of roads and streets, the Louisiana usufruct as it relates to mineral law, royalty payment issues, and property description problems.

These issues have always been with us, but the values of Haynesville shale production have caused them to have increased significance.