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## **EDUCATION**

**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  
SER Associate Professor of Law, *August 2014 to Present*

– Courses:

Advanced Oil and Gas Law  
Advanced Corporate Law  
Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Clinic  
Energy Deals  
Energy Field Studies  
Energy Resource Management  
Natural Resources Field Practicum  
Oil and Gas Law  
Summer MBA Project

Director, Program in Professional Land Management, *January 2016 to Present*

Member, 2015 Faculty Learning Community in Collaborative Communication and Teaching

## **PUBLISHED WORKS**

*Siting CO<sub>2</sub> Pipelines*, 3 Oil & Gas, Nat. Resources & Energy J. 907 (2017).

*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).

*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) (with Robert Godby, Dalia Patio Echeverri, Temple Stoellinger, and Kipp Coddington).

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

*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).

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

*The Expanding Role of the Social Cost of Carbon in Energy Project Development.* The Electricity Journal, Vol. 29 Issue 1 Pg. 63-70, January-February 2016 (with Temple Stoellinger and Kipp Coddington).

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

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

*The Ethical Superhero, (The Superhero Project E-book, accepted, forthcoming)* (with Danielle Cover).

## **SELECTED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS**

Energy and Climate Change, Panelist, Arkansas Law Review Symposium on Environmental Sustainability and Private Governance, Fayetteville, AR, October 2017

A Wyoming Practitioners Guide to Oil and Gas, Wyoming State Bar Conference, Cheyenne, WY, September 2017

Pore Space Liability, Invited Testimony, Minerals, Business, and Economic Development Committee, Casper, WY, June 2017

Trespass Liability for Transboundary Migration of CO<sub>2</sub>, Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2017

Siting CO<sub>2</sub> 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

The Business and Law of Oil and Gas Production, Energy Exposition, Billings, MT, June 2015

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

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

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Testifying Expert Witness**, Laramie Wyoming

Consulting and testifying expert witness work (2015-present)

**Berkeley GeoImaging, LLC**, Oakland, CA

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

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

*Counsel & Project Manager of Gulf Coast Companies (2010-2012);*

*Associate Attorney (2008-2009);*

*Legal Intern (2007)*

Manage and represent oil and gas E&P operating in multiple jurisdictions.

**StructuredRisk**

*Summer Associate (2006); VP of Corporate Communications (2007)*

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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

## **AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Mortarboard Society, "Top Prof.," 2016

College of Law, Extraordinary Merit Award, 2015