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Presidents Message

Sarah Bobbe, CPL

President

Signal Hill Petroleum, Inc.

As my term as LAAPL President nears its end, I want to thank the membership for making the experience so enjoyable. Getting to know many of you better has been a true pleasure and I look forward to continuing to be a part this great community of land professionals.

My #1 goal as President was to increase membership. We started the year with 30 active members and 25 lifetime members. We knew we could get the numbers up by cajoling lapsed members to renew, and also by recruiting new members. I am proud to announce that we have increased the membership count to 74 active members, 25 lifetime



members and 2 applicants to be voted in. The increase is largely due to the efforts of our Membership Chair, Allison Foster. Allison's frequent reminders, coupled with our new online payment system, have made membership renewals easier than ever. Our Website Chair, Chip Hoover, did a terrific job setting up the payment capabilities on our site, LAAPL.com. We now accept both luncheon meeting payments and membership dues online. If you are reading this and haven't yet renewed for the 2018-2019 year, now is a great time to go online and take care of it. The renewals are due June 1st, which is right around the corner.

California recently went from being the third-largest oil producing state in the nation to ranking 6th, surpassed by Alaska, Oklahoma and New Mexico. As the rest of the oil patch enjoys the unconventional revolution, California's production is declining. State regulations, coupled with lack of major infrastructures, make it difficult for California to participate in the current oil boom. All of the oil produced in

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Meeting Luncheon Speaker

The story of William Warren Orcutt, "Dean of Petroleum Geology," as told by his great-granddaughter Jeanne Orcutt with a brief introduction to the Coastal Energy Alliance.

Jeanne Orcutt, a fifth generation Californian, grew up in Santa Paula and still lives on the family's original lemon and avocado ranch first settled and farmed in the late 1880's by her great, great grandfather - W.W.Orcutt's father. Jeanne is the Executive Director of the Coastal Energy Alliance, leading this organization's efforts advocating for all forms of energy. She is also Board President of the California Oil Museum Foundation, following on from her position as the Museum's Director, a post she held for 10 years.

Jeanne has also been a small business owner and has raised money for several cancer non-profits. In addition, she currently serves as the President of the Coastal Chapter of the WSPA Associates and is a board member of the Coastal Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute.

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Opinionated Corner

**Joe Munsey, RPL
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While we can still hustle the barrels of ink and printing press under our control, we would like to take this opportunity and express thanks to the following persons for making “The Override” a continuous success; i). The LAAPL executive board, ii.) Sarah Bobbe, CPL, Chapter President, iii). The legal community who have provided the content for our Cases/Issues of the Month, iv). Cliff Moore, Independent, for his tireless efforts to provide editorial oversight; and v). Star of this award winning publication, Randall Taylor, RPL, of Taylor Land Services.

So, the messianic leader, who was leading his disciples with blithering blabber and short on the facts, was caught being a counterfeit when it came to character issues. Disgraced New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman and other state AGs were probing ExxonMobil for a settlement making the tobacco settlement look like chump change. Plus the climate change activists were going to use the “facts” of the case as another nail in the fossil fuel coffin. Eric’s case was coming apart like a cheap suit on his way to the Forum [laying the groundwork for a race to the governor’s house], he had a problem, and it involves more than having his hand in the cookie jar.

Talk about “blithering blabber,” we decided to read the semi-annual report of the financial advisors handling one of our mutual funds. Just to find out why one of our funds had a slight drop in paper profits. This is some of the finest wordsmithing and industry jargon to explain a screw up. We will not include

the entire paragraph, but enough to cause head-scratching.

“We believe that our strict valuation discipline, preference for what we believe are high-quality companies and research that focuses on identifying some of the most persistent drivers of value creation for companies – including sustainability drivers - have contributed to these result.” I am thinking....go on, tell me more. “While we are pleased with our track record, we are not surprised that we have lagged in the most ‘risk-on’ market.” Ok, so what are you trying to say? “While we believe this has the potential to provide ballast in the event of macro weakness, it has not helped us in the current market environment.” You don’t say?

After following the flogging of ExxonMobil from the former New York Attorney General those few years and what passes as a “we are sorry” from the two head knockers at the financial advisory group, there is a particular meter that is used to describe this kind of stuff. However, we are an upstanding professional newsletter prone to higher standards and will refrain from printing the meter’s commonly know name. Hell, do I have to really spell it out for you?

We will say this about the two advisors who crafted their semiannual report for the fund they manage; they signed off “sincerely” and informed us that past performances is not a guarantee of future results. That made me “feels” better.

We have Jeanne Orcutt, the great granddaughter of the founder of Union Oil of California, William Warren Orcutt, as our guest speaker at the Petroleum Club. Ms. Orcutt is only three generations removed from an actual California oil god. Trust we see you there for our last chapter luncheon for this term.

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California is used in California. We are an energy island with no interstate pipeline system connecting us to the rest of the country. As a result, policies that limit California operators’ ability to drill increase our reliance on imported oil. Dependence on foreign imports isn’t the only consequence of decreased production in California. The elimination of jobs and cuts to tax revenue are also a concern. Even as the price of oil rises, there is risk that the regulatory climate in California will cause operators to close up shop and explore in more oil friendly environments.

Our challenge is to continue adapting to change and learning to operate in the new reality. Land professionals play a critical role in this respect. We are involved in every facet of the asset life cycle; whether the task is acquisition, exploration or termination, the Landman has a job to do. As the stewards of obligations, royalties, relationships and archival records, we guide our organizations through constantly evolving issues.

Our incoming President, Mike Flores, is a legislative and public affairs expert who provides informative energy and governmental updates to our members. Mike was the first person to befriend me when I joined LAAPL years ago and I will never forget how welcome he made me feel when I showed up to West Coast Land Institute not knowing a single soul. Mike introduced me to the faces that are now so familiar, and I am honored to pass him the gavel.

The 36th Annual West Coast Landmen’s Institute (WCLI) is coming up, September 26 – 28, in Paso Robles, California. The WCLI committee has graciously voted to decrease the registration fee this year and it’s going to be a great value. You can expect to see an invitation in your inbox in the near future and I hope to see all of you there.



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Chapter Board Meetings

Brandi Decker
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LAAPL Secretary

The LAAPL Board of Directors and Committee Members held their regular meeting on Thursday, March 15, 2018, led by President Sarah Bobbe. The topics discussed at the meeting are as follows:

- Approved budget in reimbursable funding and deposit for the LAAPL Golf Tournament
- Plans to update the Directory and the Directory Sponsorship
- Approval by the Board and Membership for 7 new LAAPL members
- Approval by the Board for 1 new LAAPL member
- Preparation for the 2018-2019 nomination list
- Jason Downs appointed to replace Rae Connet as the Treasurer chairman

We encourage all members to attend our LAAPL Board Meetings. The meetings are typically held in the same room as the luncheon immediately after the meeting is adjourned.



Scheduled LAAPL Luncheon Topics and Dates

March 15, 2018

E. Ryan Stephensen, Esq.,
Law Firm of Day Carter Murphy
“A Tale of Two Gas Storage Projects:
from Zuckerman to Southam”

May 17, 2018

Jeanne Orcutt, Executive Director
Costal Energy Alliance
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Officer Elections

September 20, 2018

In Lieu of Our Luncheon Meeting
West Coast Landmen’s Institute
September 26th – 28th
Paso Robles, CA



Treasurer’s Report

Jason Downs, RPL
Treasurer
Breitburn Management Co.

As of 3/05/2018, the LAAPL account showed a balance of

Deposits	\$ 1,308.20
Total Checks, Withdrawals, Transfers	\$ -2,004.87
Balance as of 5/09/2018	\$ <u>26,907.58</u>
Merrill Lynch Money Account shows a total	\$ 11,096.90

LAAPL Call for Annual Dues

Allison Foster
Signal Hill Petroleum Inc.
Membership Chair

We will begin accepting LAAPL membership dues starting on May 10th until July 1st. See attached Renewal Form for your convenience. Renewal is \$40.00; please use LAAPL’s website to pay or send your renewal notices along with your payment as follows:

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Our Honorable Guests

March’s luncheon was another successful LAAPL Chapter luncheon meeting held at the Long Beach Petroleum Club. Our guest of honor who attended:

- Brit Reiner of California Resources Corporation

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Her formal education includes a Bachelor’s Degree in Art History from Sonoma State University.

Jeanne has two daughters, stays active in various local community activities, including serving on the Santa Paula Historical Society Board. Her hobbies include traveling and cooking.

Lawyers' Joke of the Month

**Jack Quirk, Esq.
Bright and Brown**

A police officer was being cross-examined by a defense attorney during a felony trial. The lawyer was trying to undermine the officer's credibility

Q: 'Officer --- did you see my client fleeing the scene?'

A: 'No sir. But I subsequently observed a person matching the description of the offender, running several blocks away.'

Q: 'Officer -- who provided this description?'

A: 'The officer who responded to the scene.'

Q: 'A fellow officer provided the description of this so-called offender. Do you trust your fellow officers?'

A: 'Yes, sir. With my life.'

Q: 'With your life? Let me ask you this then officer. Do you have a room where you change your clothes in preparation for your daily duties?'

A: 'Yes sir, we do!'

Q: 'And do you have a locker in the room?'

A: 'Yes sir, I do.'

Q: 'And do you have a lock on your locker?'

A: 'Yes sir.'

Q: 'Now why is it, officer, if you trust your fellow officers with your life, you find it necessary to lock your locker in a room you share with these same officers?'

A: 'You see, sir -- we also share the building with the court complex, and sometimes lawyers have been known to walk through that room.'



2018 - 2019 Officer Election

Nominations Chairman Ernest J. Guadiana, Esq., presents the following candidates¹ for officers to serve from July 1st, 2018 – June 30th, 2019. Additional nominees may be submitted to the Nominations Chairman at eguadiana@elinskalt.com or 310-746-4425 to be included on the final candidate's list until May 18, 2017, which will be published in the May newsletter. Officers will be elected by a vote of membership in attendance at the May 17, 2018, chapter meeting held at the Long Beach Petroleum Club. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the May 17, 2018, regular meeting.

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Randall Taylor, RPL, Taylor Land Service, Inc.
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¹Per Section 7(7)(a) prior to the regular meeting scheduled nearest to April 15th of each membership year, the membership will be provided with a list of the nominees for officers of Vice President, Secretary, Treasure and the two (2) Directors.

²Per Section 7(3) the Vice President shall succeed to the office of the President after serving his or her term as Vice President and shall hold the office of President for the next twelve (12) months.

³Per Article 8 (2) the outgoing President shall serve as Past President.

⁴Per Article 8 (2) the outgoing President shall serve as Director.

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New Members and Transfers

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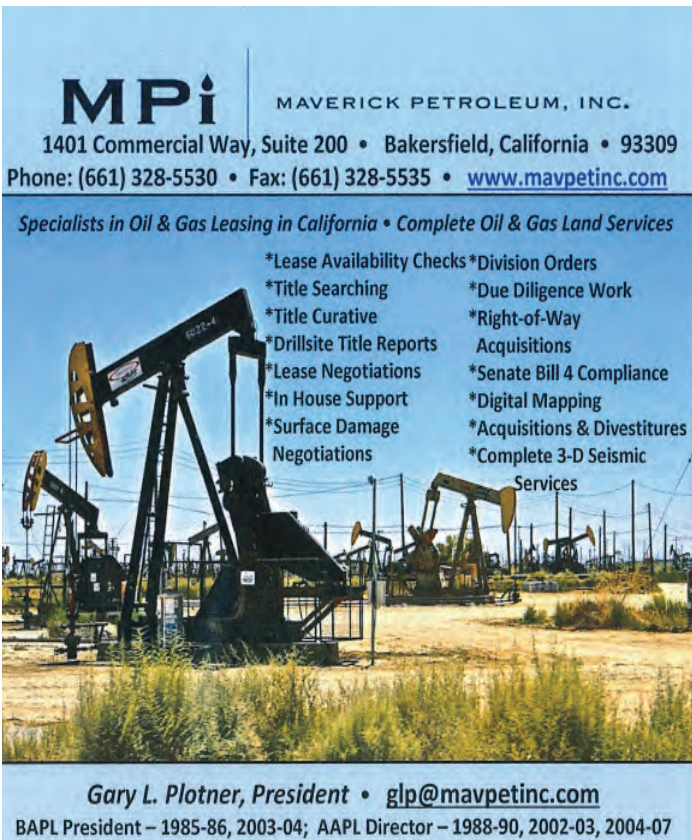
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Education Chair*

Need continuous education credit? You can generally earn them by attending our luncheons based upon speaker and subject matter. Listed below are continuous educational courses available May 2018 – September 2018 (see AAPL website for more additional information on courses)

May 2018	
<p>Field Landman Seminar Date: May 24, 2018 Where: Fort Worth, TX Credits Approved: 4 CEU, 1 CEU Ethics Member Price: Free Note: See LAAPL website for speakers and topics.</p>	
June 2018	
<p>Held By Production and Royalty Issues (Webinar Available) Date: June 5, 2018 Where: Oklahoma City, OK Credits Approved: 6 CEU Member Price: \$300.00 Note: See LAAPL website for speakers and topics.</p>	<p>Due Diligence Seminar Date: June 7, 2018 Where: Houston, TX Credits Approved: 5 CEU Member Price: \$300.00</p>
<p>Field Landman Seminar Date: June 14, 2018 Where: Houston, TX Credits Approved: 4 CEU Member Price: Free Note: See LAAPL website for speakers and topics.</p>	<p>2018 AAPL Annual Meeting Date: June 20-23, 2018 Where: Denver, CO Credits Approved: 14 CEU, 1.50 CEU Ethics Member Price: \$700.00 Note: See LAAPL website for speakers and topics.</p>
<p>Field Landman Seminar Date: June 29, 2018 Where: Casper, WY Credits Approved: 2 CEU, 1 CEU Ethics Member Price: Free Note: Speakers and topics to come later. See LAAPL website for more information.</p>	
July 2018	
<p>Oil and Gas Land Review, CPL/RPL Exam Date: July 10-13, 2018 Where: Denver, CO Credits Approved: 18 CEU, 1 CEU Ethics Member Price: \$470.00 Note: See AAPL Website for more prices and details.</p>	<p>Working Interest and Net Revenue Interest Seminar (Basic and Advanced 2 Day Option) Date: July 18-19, 2018 Where: Houston, TX Credits Approved: 6 CEU Member Price: One Day Option - \$300.00, Two Day Option - \$450.00 Note: See LAAPL website for speakers and topics.</p>
<p>Oil and Gas Lease Fundamentals (Webinar Available) Date: July 24, 2018 Where: Charleston, WV Credits Approved: 6 CEU Member Price: \$300.00 Note: See LAAPL website for speakers and topics.</p>	

Educational Corner - continued

August 2018	
<p>Fundamentals of Land Practices and Optional RPL Exam Date: August 2-3, 2018 Where: San Antonio, TX Credits Approved: 7 CEU Member Price: \$250.00 Note: See AAPL website for more information.</p>	<p>Working Interest and Net Revenue Interest Seminar Date: August 28, 2018 Where: Shreveport, LA Credits Approved: 6 CEU Member Price: \$300.00 Note: See LAAPL website for speakers and topics.</p>
<p>2018 Southwest Land Institute Date: August 29, 2018 Where: Arlington, TX Credits Approved: 5 CEU Member Price: \$75.00 Note: See LAAPL website for speakers and topics. Additional \$25.00 for baseball ticket</p>	
September 2018	
<p>2018 New Mexico Land Institute (Live Webinar Available) Date: September 11, 2018 Where: Albuquerque, NM Credits Approved: 7 CEU Member Price: \$300.00, \$250.00 (Webinar Price) Note: See LAAPL website for speakers and topics.</p>	<p>Oil and Gas Land Review, CPL/RPL Exam Date: September 11-14, 2018 Where: Fort Worth, TX Credits Approved: 18 CEU, 1 CEU Ethics Member Price: \$470.00 Note: See AAPL Website for more prices and details.</p>
<p>***36th Annual West Coast Landmen's Institute*** Date: September 26-28, 2018 Where: Paso Robles, CA Credits (Pending Approval): 10 CEU, 1 CEU Ethics Member Price: TBA</p>	



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The Following Was Taken from the Most Recent AAPL Legislative Update

Independent Contractor Bombshell for California Businesses: California Supreme Court Curtails the Lawful Use of ICs

Posted on April 30, 2018

Earlier today, the California Supreme Court established the Golden State as one of the least hospitable jurisdictions in the nation toward independent contractor status. Abandoning its decades-old common law test used to determine IC status, the California Supreme Court in *Dynamex Operations West v. Superior Court* (No. S222732), created a new test that is modeled after the so-called "ABC" test used in Massachusetts, widely viewed as the toughest test in the country for ICs. This result is particularly surprising in light of recent legislative efforts across the country to regulate, instead of curtail, the increasing use of freelancers and on-demand workers including those in the gig economy.

Many companies that yesterday were in compliance with the IC laws in California may today be out of compliance. As a result, those companies in both traditional and gig economy industries that lawfully created IC relationships in that state may need to restructure or reclassify their 1099ers in order to remain compliant with California law, as more fully noted in the "Takeaway" section below.

The Court's Opinion

In its 82-page decision in *Dynamex*, the California Supreme Court rejected the continued use of its IC test that derived from a 1989 case entitled *S.G. Borello & Sons, Inc. v. Dep't of Industrial Relations*. That case had established a multi-factor test where no one factor was determinative of IC status. Instead, the California Supreme Court today endorsed in *Dynamex* a rigid ABC test for the California lower courts to use when determining IC status under various section of the California Labor Code.

The test established today in California reads as follows:

"The [new] ABC test presumptively considers all workers to be employees, and permits workers to be classified as independent contractors only if the hiring business demonstrates that the worker in question satisfies each of three conditions: (a) that the worker is free from the control and direction of the hirer in connection with the performance of the work, both under the contract for the performance of the work and in fact; and (b) that the worker performs work that is outside the usual course of the hiring entity's business; and (c) that the worker is customarily engaged in an independently established trade, occupation, or business of the same nature as that involved in the work performed."

The Court stated that this new *Dynamex* test will be easier to apply than the *Borello* multi-factor test, is less susceptible to being circumvented, and will provide an array of statutory labor and employment benefits to more workers in the state than ever before. The Court did not, however, address whether the new test would apply to claims for expense reimbursement under the California Labor Code, noting in footnote 5 that the plaintiff drivers did not seek appellate review of that aspect of the lower court decision.

Over two dozen states have ABC tests, but almost all of those states' ABC tests apply only to claims for unemployment or workers' compensation benefits. Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Illinois are key exceptions; their ABC tests also apply to wage claims. Moreover, Massachusetts' IC test varies from other states' ABC tests in a critical way: the "B" prong in almost all other states requires the business to establish either that the worker performs work that is outside the usual course of the hiring entity's business or that the worker performs work "outside of all the places of business of the enterprise for which such service is performed."

In adopting the Massachusetts test, the Supreme Court of California stated in footnote 23 of its opinion that "In light of



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contemporary work practices, in which many employees telecommute or work from their homes, we conclude that the Massachusetts version of part B provides the alternative that is more consistent with the broad reach of the ... California wage orders.”

Takeaway

While the federal wage and hour law (the Fair Labor Standards Act) and almost all state wage laws continue to adhere to a multi-factor test for IC status, with no one factor determinative, California has today joined Massachusetts as being far more employee-friendly and far less IC-friendly to freelancers and other contingent and gig economy workers who have been paid on a 1099 basis.

A few businesses may seek legislation in California to regulate the use of ICs in their industry rather than have their use of ICs curtailed, as the Dynamex decision is likely to do. But many other businesses operating in that state will need to reevaluate their use of workers classified as ICs in California and, where necessary, restructure their businesses to comply with this new judicial decision.

While some companies built on an IC model may now wish to reevaluate plans to expand into California, those currently operating in that state as well as other states may wish to use a process such as IC Diagnostics™ to evaluate, structure, document, and implement their IC relationships in a manner that maximizes compliance with IC laws in California and across the country. That process has become more challenging by today’s decision by the California Supreme Court.

Written by [Richard Reibstein](#). He is the publisher of [Independent Contractor Misclassification and Compliance blog](#). ([independentcontractorcompliance.com](#))

California Bill SB 1370 Will Likely Pass Exempting Well Stimulation Treatments

California SB 1370 was reported favorably from the Senate Appropriations Committee on April 30 and is now pending a third reading. The bill would remove a provision of existing law that exempted well stimulation treatments that are used for routine maintenance of wells from permitting requirements. The bill would take effect the January 1 following a 90-day period from the date of enactment.

Judge Rules for Ventura County in Canyon Santa Paula Suit

A judge has ruled for the county and against conservation groups seeking a new environmental review for oil drilling activities in the Santa Paula Canyon area.

In a sweeping 31-page ruling in Ventura County Superior Court, Judge Kevin DeNoce said the organizations had not offered “substantial evidence” of any factor that would trigger the review. He denied a court order to compel the additional study, upholding a decision made more than two years ago by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors.

The case centered on whether there were substantial changes in the oil operation, the circumstances or available information since the environmental clearances for 36 oil wells were granted more than 30 years ago.

DeNoce said his job was to determine whether the county’s decision to allow the addendum was supported by substantial evidence. He found squarely in the county’s favor in his review of the Board of Supervisors’ 3-2 decision to deny the conservation groups’ appeals. “No changes or changed circumstances have been identified that warrant substantial changes to the certified (environmental review), and the changes can be analyzed by way of an addendum,” he wrote. As pointed out by Carbon California, the proposed modifications were not a new project, he wrote. “The modifications did not increase the number of already approved wells (36) and the number of drilling pads remained the same,” he said.

Statewide November Ballot Will Have Question on Gas Tax Increase

Supporters have turned in more than 940,000 signatures to put the question before voters in November. That comes just days after state transportation officials announced \$2.6 billion in mass transit improvements funded in part by the tax hikes.

A coalition of local governments, labor unions and construction contractors warns the initiative would jeopardize construction projects around the state.

Proposed California Solar Mandate Could Add \$10,500 to the Cost of a New Home

California may soon become the first state in the nation to require every new house be equipped with solar panels. The



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California Energy Commission is expected to mandate solar arrays on almost all new single-family houses built after January 1, 2020 as part of the California's fight against global warming. According to the Commission's own estimate, the solar mandate would add \$10,538 to the cost of a new house.

Ban on Hydraulic Fracturing Will Likely be on November Ballot in San Luis Obispo County

An initiative to ban hydraulic fracturing in San Luis Obispo County will likely appear on the November ballot and is sponsored by the Coalition to Protect San Luis Obispo. If passed, it could also prevent the expansion of the Arroyo Grande Oil Field, which has been at the center of controversy. Freeport-MacMoRan Inc. sold its onshore California oil and gas properties to Sentinel Peak Resources California LLC for \$742M in 2016.

Over 400 Business Leaders Voice Concerns RE: Proposed SCAQMD Rule 1410

Over 400 leaders from the business community and building trades attended South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD) Refinery Committee meeting on Saturday, April 28, to voice concerns on proposed regulation (Rule 1410) controlling the use of modified hydrofluoric acid (MHF) at Southern California's two remaining refineries. The new regulation could come at the cost of 4,000 jobs and could increase gas prices 26 cents, according to some estimates. Both the Torrance and Wilmington refineries already operate under some of the strictest regulations in the country and have excellent safety records. Rule 1410 will directly impact jet fuel prices and the increased costs will be passed on to the consumer resulting in more expensive airfare. SCAQMD ad hoc member, William A. Burke Ed.D., asked staff to provide research exploring the claims of danger posed to the community by the use of MHF at the two refineries.

CRC Acquires 100 Percent Ownership of Elk Hills

The California Resources Corp. has acquired 100 percent ownership of the Elk Hills oil and natural gas field in Kern County, according to the company.

The oil company said it purchased Chevron's interests for \$460 million and issued 2.85 million shares of CRC stock to Chevron. The deal went through April 1. Chevron had owned about 20 percent of the field's assets. CRC had owned the rest of the field and has been its operator.

In 2017, the interests that Chevron held produced approximately 13,300 barrels of oil and natural gas liquids per day, according to the company. CRC estimates that based on current prices, the field could provide the company an operating cash flow of around \$100 million annually. Elk Hills is now estimated to make up about 43 percent of the company's total production.

CRC's acquisition of Chevron's interests comes after the company went into a joint venture on the Elk Hills field in early 2017 with a portfolio company that is part of the private equity group Ares Management, L.P. Ares paid \$750 million and purchased 2.34 million shares in CRC stock to obtain some of CRC's Elk Hills assets. The particular interests under the agreement are the Elk Hills power plant, a natural gas-fired power plant and a cryogenic gas-processing plant.

Elk Hills, located west of Bakersfield, was initially discovered in 1911 and has produced more than 2 billion barrels of oil and gas since then, according to CRC.

The California Resources Corp., headquartered in Los Angeles, is one of the state's largest oil and natural gas producers.

Across the USA

Permian Basin is Growing Into the Largest Oil Patch in the World

According to Bloomberg, the Permian shale play is about to set records. Additionally, the region may even become the world's largest oil patch over the next decade. Output is forecast to reach 3.18 million barrels a day this month according to the Energy Information Administration. By 2023, the basin may produce 4 million barrels a day, according to the International Energy Agency. The Ghawar field in Saudi Arabia is currently the world's largest oil field, with a capacity of 5.8 million barrels a day according to a 2017 EIA report. Increased technologies and efficiencies are said to be the reason for the increase of output in the Permian basin.



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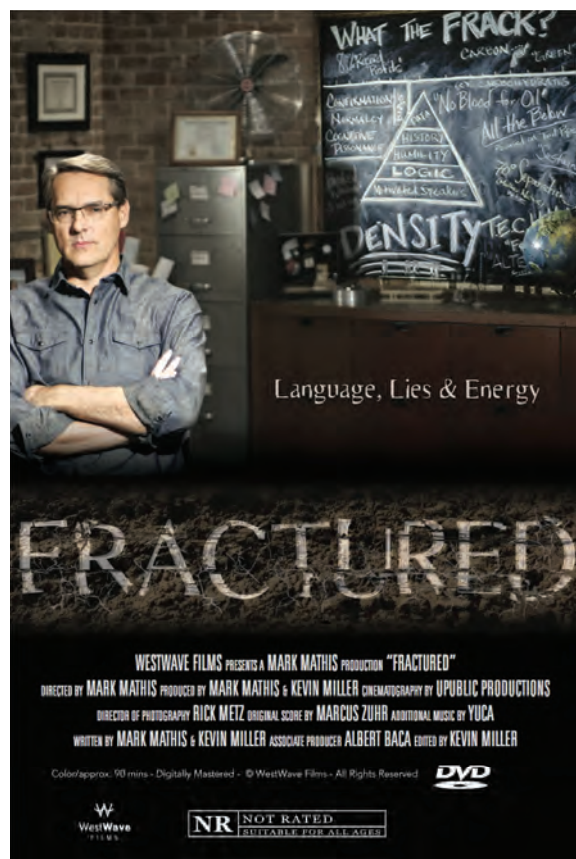


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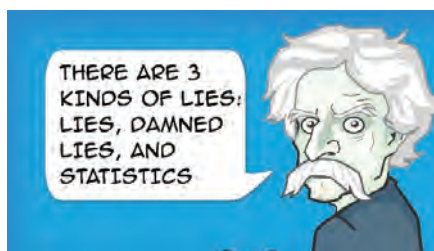
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BILL G. NICHOLS, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, Plaintiff,

v.

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, LLC, and CHESAPEAKE EXPLORATION, LLC, Defendants.

Case No. CIV-16-1073-M.

United States District Court, W.D. Oklahoma.

September 13, 2017.

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Chesapeake Operating LLC, Defendant, represented by Laura J. Long, McAfee & Taft, Patrick L. Stein, McAfee & Taft & Timothy J. Bomhoff, McAfee & Taft.

Chesapeake Exploration LLC, Defendant, represented by Laura J. Long, McAfee & Taft, Patrick L. Stein, McAfee & Taft & Timothy J. Bomhoff, McAfee & Taft.

ORDER

VICKI MILES-LaGRANCE, District Judge.

Before the Court is plaintiff’s Motion to Abstain under the Home-State Mandatory Abstention Exception to CAFA, filed October 14, 2016. On April 12, 2017, plaintiff filed his Supplement to His Motion to Abstain under Home State Exception to CAFA. On June 27, 2017, the parties filed a Joint Stipulation. On July 14, 2017, defendants filed their response, and on September 5, 2017, plaintiff filed his reply. Based upon the parties’ submissions, the Court makes its determination.

Plaintiff filed this proposed class action for breach of lease, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, deceit and constructive trust against defendants in the District Court of Beaver County, Oklahoma on August 9, 2016. In the Class Action Petition, plaintiff defines the proposed class as follows:

All persons who are (a) an “Oklahoma Resident”; and, (b) a royalty owner in Oklahoma wells where Chesapeake Operating, LLC (f/k/a Chesapeake Operating, Inc.) and/or Chesapeake Exploration, LLC is or was the operator (or a working interest owner who marketed its share of gas and directly paid royalties to the royalty owners) from January 1, 2015 to the date Class Notice is given. The Class claims relate to royalty payments for gas and its constituents (such as residue gas, natural gas liquids, helium, nitrogen, or drip condensate).

Excluded from the Class are: (1) agencies, departments or instrumentalities of the United States of America, including but not limited to the U.S. Department of the Interior (the United States, Indian tribes, and Indian allottees); (2) Defendants, their affiliates, predecessors, and employees, officers, and directors; (3) Any NYSE or NASDAQ listed company (and its subsidiaries or affiliates) engaged in oil and gas exploration, gathering, processing, or marketing; (4) the claims of royalty owners to the extent covered by arbitration clauses or prior settlement agreements, if any, still in effect on or after January 1, 2015; (5) overriding royalty owners and others whose interest was carved out from the lessee’s interest; (6) royalty owners and others who opted out or objected of record in Fitzgerald Farms, LLC v. Chesapeake Operating, Inc.,

 	
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Case No. CJ-10-38, Beaver County, Oklahoma; (7) royalty owners who have already filed and still have pending lawsuits for underpayment of royalties against Chesapeake at the time suit is filed herein; (8) royalty owners taking gas in-kind, if any.

“Oklahoma Resident” means: Persons to whom, from January 1, 2015 to the date suit was filed herein, (a) Chesapeake mailed or sent each monthly royalty check on an Oklahoma well to an Oklahoma address (including direct deposit); (b) Chesapeake mailed or sent a 1099 for both 2014 and 2015 to an Oklahoma address; (c) the Settlement Administrator in Fitzgerald Farms, LLC v. Chesapeake Operating, Inc., Case No. CJ-10-38, Beaver County, Oklahoma mailed or sent a distribution check and 1099 to an Oklahoma address; and, (d) except for charitable institutions, were not subject to the Oklahoma Withholding Tax for Nonresidents on royalties paid in 2014 to the date suit was filed.

Class Action Petition [docket no. 1-1] at ¶ 13.

On September 15, 2016, defendants removed this action to this Court. On October 13, 2016, plaintiff filed a motion to remand. On February 23, 2017, this Court denied plaintiff’s motion to remand.

Plaintiff now moves this Court for an order abstaining from jurisdiction over this putative class action and remanding this case to the District Court of Beaver County, Oklahoma, under the home state exception to diversity jurisdiction under the Class Action Fairness Act (“CAFA”).^[1] The home state exception provides:

A district court shall decline to exercise jurisdiction under paragraph (2) —

* * *

(B) [when] two-thirds or more of the members of all proposed plaintiff classes in the aggregate, and the primary defendants, are citizens of the State in which the action was originally filed.

28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(4)(B). It is undisputed that the two defendants in this case are citizens of Oklahoma for purposes of CAFA and that this action was originally filed in Oklahoma state court. The only disputed issue is whether two-thirds or more of the members of the proposed class are citizens of Oklahoma.

Further, the parties do not dispute that as the party seeking remand, plaintiff bears the burden of establishing by a preponderance of the evidence that the home state exception to CAFA jurisdiction applies in this case. Plaintiff cannot rely solely on the allegations in his Class Action Petition to establish that two-thirds or more of the members of the proposed class are citizens of Oklahoma, but “must make some minimal [evidentiary] showing of the citizenship of the proposed class at the time that suit was filed.” *Reece v. AES Corp.*, 638 F. App’x 755, 769 (10th Cir. 2016) (internal quotations and citation omitted). In other words, plaintiff has “to marshal and present some persuasive substantive evidence (extrinsic to the amended petition) to establish the Oklahoma citizenship of the class members.” Id.

There are three general categories of proposed class members implicated in this case: (1) individuals, (2) entities, and (3) trusts. Each category has its own, unique citizenship test. For diversity jurisdiction purposes, individuals are deemed citizens of the state where they are domiciled, i.e, the last state in which he or she resided with an intent to remain indefinitely. See id. For entities, corporations are deemed to be citizens of both the state where they are incorporated and the place where they maintain their principal place of business. See 28 U.S.C. § 1332(c)(1). For limited liability companies, limited partnerships, and other “unincorporated associations,” CAFA deems each “to be a citizen of the State where it has its principal place of business and the State under whose laws it is organized.” 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(10). Trusts are a bit more complicated. When the trust itself is a party to the case, the citizenship of the trust is derived from all of the trust’s members, which would include its beneficiaries, see *Conagra Foods, Inc. v. Americold Logistics, LLC*, 776 F.3d 1175, 1181 (10th Cir. 2015), and when a trustee brings a case in his or her own name as trustee, it is the trustee’s citizenship that controls for purposes of diversity jurisdiction, see id.

In support of his motion, plaintiff has submitted the following evidence: (1) a declaration of Joseph B. Kadane, plaintiff’s expert, attesting to his generation of a random sample of the proposed class, to his statistical analysis of the data provided by plaintiff’s counsel, and to his conclusion that more than two-thirds of the proposed class are citizens of Oklahoma^[2]; (2) survey data regarding the random sample of the proposed class; (3) a skip-trace investigation of the random sample of the

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proposed class; and (4) plaintiff's counsel's data compilation and conclusions regarding whether a particular member of the random sample of the proposed class was an Oklahoma citizen. Having carefully reviewed the parties' submissions, and particularly the evidence submitted by plaintiff, the Court finds that plaintiff has failed to establish by a preponderance of the evidence that two-thirds or more of the members of the proposed class are citizens of Oklahoma such that the home state exception to CAFA jurisdiction applies in this case. Specifically, the Court finds there are significant flaws in the evidence provided. First, neither plaintiff's data nor plaintiff's counsel's conclusions regarding whether a particular member of the random sample was an Oklahoma citizen properly addresses the requisite analysis for determining the citizenship of a trust. [3] Neither the survey data [4] nor the skip-trace investigation documents provide any information as to either the trustee's citizenship or the trust beneficiaries' citizenship. Second, upon a comparison of plaintiff's counsel's data compilation and conclusions with the skip-trace investigation documents, the Court found a number of individuals that were found to be Oklahoma citizens on plaintiff's counsel's data compilation that the skip-trace investigation documents indicated were deceased. If an individual is deceased, an additional analysis would necessarily need to be conducted to determine the citizenship of any heirs, etc. Finally, upon review of the data compilation and conclusions and the skip-trace investigation documents, the Court found there was an insufficient basis for plaintiff's counsel's determination of Oklahoma citizenship for a few of the members of the random sample. In light of the above flaws, the Court finds that Mr. Kadane's conclusion cannot be relied upon by this Court and that without Mr. Kadane's conclusion, and without sufficient reliable data, this Court cannot find by a preponderance of the evidence that two-thirds or more of the members of the proposed class are citizens of Oklahoma. Accordingly, the Court finds that the home state exception to CAFA jurisdiction does not apply in this case.

The Court, therefore, DENIES plaintiff's Motion to Abstain under the Home-State Mandatory Abstention Exception to CAFA and plaintiff's Supplement to His Motion to Abstain under Home State Exception to CAFA [docket nos. 12 and 25].

[1] In his supplement, plaintiff alternatively notes in footnote 1 that this Court can exercise its discretion to remand under the Interest of Justice exception in 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(3). As this issue was not briefed by the parties, the Court declines to address whether the Interest of Justice exception would apply in this case.

[2] Mr. Kadane's analysis and conclusion are based upon the data provided by plaintiff's counsel and plaintiff's counsel's conclusions regarding whether a particular member of the random sample of the proposed class was an Oklahoma citizen.

[3] Trusts make up approximately 14% of the proposed class.

[4] The survey did not specifically address trusts.



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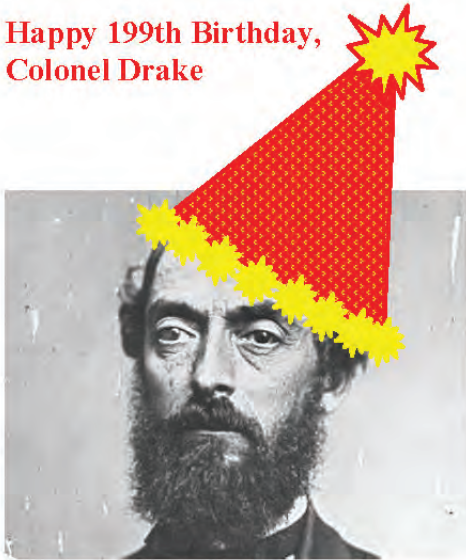
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Case of the Month - Right of Way

Why an Inverse Condemnation Damage Case (For Freeway Noise Enhanced by a Paraglass Sound Wall) Cannot be Tried Like Your Ordinary Condemnation Case

By Michael Rubin, Esq., Partner, Rutan & Tucker, LLP
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A Case Reported for Chapter 67, IRWA March 13, 2018 Luncheon Meeting

[Weiss v. People ex rel. Department of Transportation and the Orange County Transportation Authority et al.](#), Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division 3, California, (March 1, 2018) Cal.Rptr.3d, 2018 WL 110094, 2018 DJDAR 1996.

The central issue in this case was whether a party to an inverse condemnation action could utilize specialized direct condemnation procedures, particularly the procedures under Code of Civil Procedure 1260.040 authorizing parties to file motions at least 60 days before trial to have the court determine legal issues that affect the determination of compensation.

The *Weiss* case involved residential property that was negatively impacted by an I-5 freeway sound wall intended to protect adjoining properties from freeway noise. The homeowners that sued claimed that because the portion of the sound wall that was constructed along the I-5 freeway bridge that crosses El Camino Real was built with Paraglass, a lightweight, clear material instead of the traditional masonry material, it was much more reflective of sound, significantly increasing freeway noise, vibration, glare and dust onto their residential properties.

The owners sued for inverse condemnation and for nuisance. An inverse condemnation lawsuit is where an owner files a lawsuit against a public entity claiming the public entity has taken or damaged the owner's property without going through formal condemnation proceedings and the owner requests damages/compensation for the taking/damaging. A direct condemnation lawsuit is where the public entity sues the private owner, after a resolution of necessity is adopted authorizing the direct condemnation action, and where the public entity seeks to pay just compensation in return for the property being taken for public use. There is a well-developed set of laws that govern direct condemnation proceedings with special procedures geared to the determination of just compensation and to the adjudication of the right to possession.

Code of Civil Procedure 1260.040 provides the most relevant part:

If there is a dispute between plaintiff and defendant over an evidentiary or other legal issue affecting the determination of compensation, either party may move the court for a ruling on the issue. The motion shall be made not later than 60 days before commencement of trial on the issue of compensation. The motion shall be heard by the judge assigned for trial of the case.

This can be a useful procedure in a condemnation case because appraisers may operate under different assumptions, such as what the larger parcel is, or whether a sale is admissible in evidence, and the resolution of legal issues relating to those assumptions could greatly reduce the gap between the parties, perhaps leading to settlement without a trial and at a minimum, reducing the need for trial continuances to revise appraisals that would otherwise be rendered inadmissible.

The attorneys for the State and OCTA in the *Weiss* case filed such a motion under CCP 1260.040 requesting the Court to rule that there could be no liability for inverse condemnation because the alleged increased noise, vibration, glare and dust were **intangible intrusions** as opposed to physical damage to the owners' property and there can only be liability in inverse condemnation for intangible intrusions "when the intrusion has resulted in a burden on the property that is direct, substantial, and peculiar to the property itself." Judicial notice was requested of evidence that other nearby property owners had filed their own lawsuits for noise damages, and therefore the intrusion to the *Weiss* owners could not be peculiar to their property. The State and OCTA similarly requested dismissal of the nuisance claims on the grounds of various public entity immunities.

Judge Nakamura granted the motions to dismiss and the owners appealed. This was not surprising, because the Court of Appeal for the Second District, Division 2, in *Dina v People ex rel. Department of Transportation*, (2007) 151 Cal. App. 4th 1029, had already ruled that a motion under CCP 1260.040 could be used to determine liability in an inverse condemnation and nuisance case involving damages for noise, vibration and dust arising from the extension of a freeway close to the claimants' residences.

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The Court of Appeals reversed, holding that the special procedures for direct condemnation actions were not expressly applicable in inverse condemnation lawsuits, and that the CCP 1260.040 motion to dismiss procedure could not be utilized in an inverse condemnation action to have the court make a ruling on whether the public entity was liable for inverse condemnation. In reaching this result, the court bluntly disagreed with the *Dina* decision as being not well reasoned.

The appellate court noted that 1260.040 is by its terms to be used for an “evidentiary or other legal issue affecting the determination of compensation”, which it viewed as different than an evidentiary or legal issue affecting liability. It rejected the argument that a determination of liability necessarily affects compensation since without liability there is no compensation. The appellate court left open the possibility that a CCP 1260.040 motion might be used in an inverse condemnation case on an issue that clearly related to compensation (reasoning that ruling on a motion to dismiss does not facilitate settlement while a motion to determine evidentiary or legal issues relevant to compensation might facilitate a settlement, and a key purpose behind the motion procedure was to facilitate settlements). On the other hand, the decision leaves room in future cases to argue that none of the special procedures in the eminent domain statutes have application to inverse condemnation cases.

The appellate court also reversed the dismissal of the nuisance claims since there was even less of an argument that the direct condemnation procedures had application to nuisance actions.

Takeaways:

1. Just because you have an appellate case on all squares in your favor, doesn't mean you are going to win. One appellate court is not required to follow the decisions of another appellate court from a different district, even though the decision may have some persuasive value. Of course, all California lower courts must follow California Supreme Court precedent.

2. The various special procedures applicable to direct condemnation actions may not be usable in an inverse condemnation lawsuit. This may create particular complexities when an owner files an inverse condemnation cross-complaint in a direct condemnation action. The procedures for discovery, exchange of expert lists and expert information, and on and on, are markedly different for direct condemnation actions than those that apply to ordinary civil lawsuits, making for an awkward hybrid if both sets of procedures were to govern a single lawsuit.

3. While established law, it is worthy to repeat that when the only taking/damage suffered is for an intangible intrusion such as noise, vibration, glare and dust (as opposed to physical damage to property) there is a high hurdle to prove liability. There can only be liability in inverse condemnation for such intangible intrusions “when the intrusion has resulted in a burden on the property that is direct, substantial, and peculiar to the property itself.”



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*Educational Courses for
WCLI 2018
Pending Approval AAPL C.E. 10.0 Hours
Pending Approval AAPL 1.0 Ethics
For RL, RPL & CPL*

Wednesday, September 26th

Golf & Reception

Thursday, September 27th

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Registration and Breakfast
8:05 AM - 8:15 AM	Opening Remarks, Agenda Adjustments, Etc. Mike Flores, Legislative Affairs for LAAPL & BAPL, Flores Strategies LLC Legislative Update [Local and National]
8:15 AM - 9:15 AM	Pat Moran, RPL, Independent "What Happens to Assets When an Oil Company Goes Bankrupt"
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM	Steve Figgins, MBA, Principal, EKI Environmental & Water, Inc. "How to Pick an Environmental Consultant"
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	Break
10:30 AM - Noon	Ernest J. Guadiana, Esq., Associate, Law Firm of Elkins Kalt Weintraub Reuben Gartside LLP "Entitling Brownfields"
Noon - 1:30 PM	LUNCH + Speaker, AAPL President, Michael Curry, Esq. [Pending] "AAPL Initiatives and the Future"
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Steven M. Murow, CEO, and Bob Garrison, Director of Consulting Services, Murow Construction Oversight Consultants "Land Residual Analysis from a Developer's Perspective - The Entitlement Process for Land Development."
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Steven C. Smith, Vice President, Private Equity Practice, JLT Specialty USA and John J. Harris, Esq., Partner, Locke Lord LLP "Can an Environmental Insurance Policy Shoulder the Risks Affecting Contaminated Properties?"
3:30 PM - 3:45 PM	Break
3:45 PM - 4:45 PM	Sue Watson, Principal, Business Initiatives "Ethics"

Cocktails, Dinner & Music

Friday, September 28th

7:00 AM - 7:45 AM	Breakfast
7:50 AM - 8:50 AM	Day Carter Murphy Topic – TBD
8:50 AM - 9:50 AM	Dave Kilpatrick, President, Kilpatrick Energy Group "Dave's Forecast and Prognostication"
9:50 AM – 10:00 AM	Break
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Keith E. McCullough, Esq., Equity Shareholder, AlvaradoSmith PC "Eminent Domain Update Affecting Oil, Gas and Mineral Rights"
11:00 AM – Noon	Bob Poole, Director Western States Petroleum Association "California Oil and Gas Industry Update - Where Do We Go From Here Redux"
Noon	Closing Remarks

Speakers and topics subject to change in the event of a speaker cancellation.

36th Annual



2018 West Coast Landmen's Institute

The Historic Paso Robles Inn El Paso de Robles, California

Wednesday – Friday

September 26 – 28, 2018

The Bakersfield Association of Professional Landmen (BAPL) and the Los Angeles Association of Professional Landmen (LAAPL) proudly present the 36th Annual West Coast Landmen's Institute, to be held in Paso Robles, California, at The Historic Paso Robles Inn. As in the past, this year's Institute should prove to be a superb learning opportunity for all land professionals, attorneys, and other professionals who work in the oil and gas industry.

Registration Fees for members of the BAPL or LAAPL are \$175 (\$225 if received after August 24th); \$225 for non-members of the BAPL or LAAPL (\$275 if received after August 24th); \$100 for "Independents*" (\$150 if received after August 24th); \$125 for non-member "Independents" (\$175 if received after August 24th). These registration fees include attendance to the Institute, the Wednesday Reception, Thursday Lunch and Dinner, Breakfast each morning, and break refreshments.

*In this context, an Independent Landman is defined as any individual who receives compensation for their services, either on a per diem or hourly basis (1099) and who does not routinely employ other Landmen to work on a contract basis for their benefit. In other words, Brokers and Independents who have assistants do not qualify as an Independent Landman for the discounted registration fee.

Our guest/significant other fee for this year is \$125 (a \$295 value) and will be strictly enforced.

The AAPL will award RL/RPL Continuing Education Credits or CPL Recertification Credits for participation in this Institute. AAPL Attendance Affidavits will be available at this event. Day Carter Murphy will be coordinating CLE credits for the legal profession.

Registrants should make overnight accommodations directly with **The Historic Paso Robles Inn** using the following link:

We have a limited number of rooms starting at a rate of \$119 per night, Grand Ballroom Deluxe Spa or Wine Themed Deluxe Spa for \$149 or a Deluxe Spa Suite for \$179. Room rates go up on the weekend, but a limited number of rooms will be available. You

must make your reservation by Friday, August 24th to take advantage of his reduced rate. Room availability is not guaranteed after this date!

Independents, share a room with another and save.

Booking Instructions:

Individual Reservations: Please advise your group members to call our reservations department at **1-800-676-1713** and request rooms in the **West Coast Landmen's Institute (WCLI)** block or use the booking link provided. Reservations must be made before **08/25/2018**. Any reservations within **30 days** of arrival will be accepted on a space available basis at the hotel's prevailing rate.

Booking Link – COPY & PASTE THE LINK INTO YOUR BROWSER:

https://www.bookonthenet.net/west/premium/eresmain.aspx?id=L79mCU9CuhwGrUil0T4kBclCXdl%2feHxFglDupY20PA%3d&arrival_date=2018-09-26&stay_nights=2&promo_code=WCLI092618

Please note that rates online will be averaged over all nights of stay. Guests can reduce or add nights of stay by adjusting their check-in/check-out dates and number of nights of stay, and then hitting "search availability."

Individuals will be responsible for their own hotel reservations. You have 72 hours prior to your arrival date in which to cancel your reservation. All no-shows and cancellations within this period will be charged to the individual. We are guaranteed a minimum number of rooms each night, so we ask that you consider using WCLI's block of rooms at *The Historic Paso Robles Inn* if you are planning your lodging in the area for this event.

We have reserved a limited number of tee times starting at Noon on Wednesday, September 26th, 2018, at Hunter Ranch Golf Course (prior to the WCLI) for our participants (**\$100 per player - includes a box lunch and adult refreshments**). This golf course is just a few miles East on Highway 46 from The Historic Paso Robles Inn. Please remember to complete the attached Sponsor/ Registration form if you wish to play golf or attend the WCLI.

Note: This year, our fees are reduced and sponsor benefits increased due to our location, plus managing our money over the last few years!

36th ANNUAL WCLI REGISTRATION FORM

Please Register Early as there Is Limited Space

Complete name and company information requested below. If you plan to play golf on Wednesday afternoon, please check the appropriate box and make your payment along with your registration fees. Mail this section with your check payable to: BAPL, Attn. Ashley Claunch, P.O. Box 12816, Bakersfield, CA 93389.

Member Prices:	Non- Member Prices:	Member Independent Prices:	Non- Member Independent Prices:
<input type="checkbox"/> \$175 if paid by 8/24	<input type="checkbox"/> \$225 if paid by 8/24	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 if paid by 8/24	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125 if paid by 8/24
<input type="checkbox"/> \$225 if paid after 8/24	<input type="checkbox"/> \$275 if paid after 8/24	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150 if paid after 8/24	<input type="checkbox"/> \$175 if paid after 8/24

\$125 per Spouse/Significant Other or non-participating guest fee (includes reception, breakfasts, luncheons, and dinner... A \$295 value). *This will be strictly enforced.* One price for participating either one or all three days. Number of additional guest's _____

- Events:**
- Wednesday Reception at **Pappy McGregor's Irish Pub** 9/26 Number of Attendees _____
 - Thursday Breakfast at Paso Robles Inn 9/27 Number of Attendees _____
 - Thursday Lunch at Paso Robles Inn 9/27 Number of Attendees _____
 - Thursday Evening Dinner in the Grand Ballroom 9/27 Number of Attendees _____
 - Friday Breakfast at Paso Robles Inn 9/28 Number of Attendees _____
- Check this box if you are a participant attending under a Sponsorship**
- Check this box if you are a Speaker**

Name: _____ Guest: _____

Company: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____ CPL or RPL #: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____ I am a Sponsor – Form Attached

For questions regarding Registration and Sponsorships, please contact Ashley Claunch at 661.654.7401 or [email: AClaunch@chevron.com](mailto:AClaunch@chevron.com)

Golf at Hunter Ranch Golf Course(includes a box lunch and adult refreshments) Wednesday 9/26 - \$100

No. of Players: _____

Golf Partners: _____

Please note any preference for golfing partners above.

Payment for golf must be received in advance! Please include payment with your registration.

For questions regarding Golf, please contact Rick Peace at 661.324.WOLF (9653) or email rick@whitewolfland.com

Please note: The WCLI retains cancellation rights. In the unlikely event of cancellation, the WCLI Committee will make every attempt to notify pre-registrants. Refund requests within two (2) weeks of the Institute will be assessed a \$50 Administrative Fee.



The 2018 LAAPL Mickelson Golf Classic



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Friday, September 7th, 2018 ****Angeles National Golf Club**** **Located in Sunland California**

Directions:

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9401 Foothill Blvd.
Sunland, California 91040
(818) 951-8771

LAAPL cordially invites you to participate in the 2018 LAAPL Mickelson Golf Classic fundraiser to be held at Angeles National Golf Club in Sunland California. We look forward to your participation. This tournament honors William A. Mickelson, a respected leader in LAAPL and a prowess on the golf course.

This year's fundraiser beneficiary is the R. M. Pyles Boys Camp (www.pylescamp.com). Join us for a day of fun and the opportunity to make positive changes in the lives of area youth. LAAPL will donate the net proceeds realized from the tournament to the R.M. Pyles Boys Camp, thus we encourage you to "sponsor" generously. **Please return your checks with completed sponsorship forms and logos as soon as possible and no later than September 1, 2018.** Breakfast at registration plus Cocktail hour, buffet dinner, raffle and awards ceremony will follow.





2018-19 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION

Name of Member _____ Spouse _____
(First, Middle, Last) (First, Last)

Title _____ Independent In-House Years as a Landman _____

Employer & Address _____

Business Phone _____ Fax _____ Cell _____

e-mail _____

Previous Employers _____

Home Address _____ Home Phone _____

Per the Los Angeles Association of Professional Landmen's By-Laws I am renewing as an
 Active Member Associate Member Life member Honorary Member

Are you interested in working on any of the following with the LAAPL?
 Board of Directors Golf Tournament Other as needed

Are you a member of the American Association of Professional Landmen? Yes # _____ No
Note your AAPL professional designation(s) CPL # _____ RPL # _____ RL # _____ ESA # _____

I hereby submit for renewal membership in the *LOS ANGELES ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL LANDMEN*, an independent non-profit association dedicated to the understanding, promotion, and advancement of professional Landmen in the State of California, and their fellow workers in the petroleum industry. I attach the annual dues of Forty Dollars (\$40.00) for the fiscal year commencing July 1st.

Date _____ Signature of Applicant _____

For LAAPL Use Only

Date Received: _____ Amount Received: _____ Check Number: _____

Dues accepted for period: _____

Please return this form along with your check payable to the Los Angeles Association of Professional Landmen [LAAPL] to:

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