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Royalty Policy Committee

Member Directory

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Director, and Ex-Officio
Members*

DEVITO, Vincent

Chairman/Ex-Officio – Primary



Preferred Name: Vincent DeVito

Vincent DeVito serves as Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy in order to strengthen and better coordinate the Department of Interior’s vast energy portfolio. The Department of Interior’s energy portfolio includes oil, gas, coal, hydroelectric, wind, solar, geothermal, and biomass. DeVito was appointed by Secretarial Order to advance the Trump Administration’s goal of American energy independence.

DeVito previously held several senior leadership roles at the U.S. Department of Energy and within state energy offices. Most recently, he was a Capital Partner at the law firm of Bowditch & Dewey, LLP in Boston with a corporate, regulatory, and, government affairs practice. DeVito is a licensed member of the District of Columbia, Massachusetts, New York, and U.S. Supreme Court Bars.

SCHINDLER, James

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Executive Director/Designated Federal Officer

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Preferred Name: James Schindler

James Schindler is the Executive Director and Designated Federal Officer of the Royalty Policy Committee, as well as an appointed Special Assistant at the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, where he focuses on American offshore energy policy. He is a native of New Orleans and a graduate of Tulane University and New England School of Law.

While in law school Schindler volunteered representing defendants who could not afford counsel in their criminal show-cause hearings. He moved to Washington, DC to work at the Cato Institute as a legal associate, researching and writing amicus curiae briefs to the Supreme Court. He then served in the office of Senator Vitter of Louisiana assisting with public land, energy, environment, and Army Corps issues. Before joining the Department of the Interior, Schindler helped the general counsel's office at the Presidential Transition Team to review and prepare Cabinet members in their Senate confirmation hearings. He is excited now to support the great work and mission of the Royalty Policy Committee.

ANGELLE, Scott, BSEE

Ex-Officio – Primary



Preferred Name: Scott Angelle

Scott A. Angelle is Director, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), Department of the Interior. He is responsible for promoting safety, protecting the environment and conserving resources through the regulatory oversight and enforcement of energy industry operations on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf. Angelle joined the bureau on May 24, 2017, following more than 30 years of reforming agencies and organizations in both the public and private sectors. His career is characterized by a strong desire to achieve results that lead to greater success for the organizations he leads.

Most recently, Angelle served as Commissioner, District II, Louisiana Public Service Commission, an elected position he held from 2013 – 2017. As a member of the PSC, he was responsible for serving the public interest by assuring safe, reliable and reasonably-priced services for public utilities and motor carriers. He also served as a member of the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors and a member of the board at Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P.

Angelle began his work in public service in 1988 when he was elected to the St. Martin Parish Police Jury; the youngest person ever selected for the position at age 25. He was elected President of the parish body five years later; also the youngest to hold the position. During this same time he worked as a Petroleum Landman for Angelle and Donohue and Vice President for the Huval Companies with responsibilities for insurance risk management solutions in the energy, government and transportation sectors.

In 2004 Angelle was appointed Secretary, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, a position he held until 2012 under both the Kathleen Blanco and Bobby Jindal gubernatorial administrations. In May of 2010, he was appointed as Interim Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana during the height of the worst oil spill in U.S. history. On behalf of the state, he successfully achieved an early end to the offshore drilling moratorium imposed by the federal government. In November 2010, he returned to the position of Secretary for Natural Resources until resigning to run for Public Service Commissioner.

BALASH, Joseph, BSEE

Ex-Officio – Primary

Preferred Name: Joe Balash

Joe Balash serves as the Department of the Interior’s Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management. He’s native of North Pole, Alaska, living in Washington D.C., with more than 19 years of experience in land and natural resource management.

Balash most recently served as the Chief of Staff to Senator Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska) before his confirmation. He is the former Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, which has management responsibility for one of the largest single portfolios of land and water resources in the world, containing more than 100 million acres of uplands, 40-60 million acres of submerged lands and tidelands, and more than 500,000 barrels of oil produced daily.

The Assistant Secretary heads the Department of the Interior’s management of all federal lands and waters, and their associated mineral and non-mineral resources, as well as the appropriate regulation of surface coal mining. The Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management is committed to managing, protecting, and improving lands and waters to serve the needs of the American people at all times.

CRUICKSHANK, Walter, BOEM

Ex-Officio – Primary



Preferred Name: Walter Cruickshank

Walter Cruickshank serves as Deputy Director, and currently Acting Director of BOEM. He oversees the administration of programs that manage the development of the Nation's offshore resources in an environmentally and economically responsible way. These programs include leasing, plan administration, environmental studies, National Environmental Policy Act analysis, resource evaluation, economic analysis and the Renewable Energy Program.

Prior to becoming the Deputy Director of BOEM upon its establishment in October 2011, Dr. Cruickshank served as Deputy Director of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) and the former MMS since 2002.

Dr. Cruickshank has worked in the Department of the Interior for more than 30 years. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Geological Sciences from Cornell University and a Doctorate in Mineral Economics from the Pennsylvania State University.

GOULD, Gregory James, ONRR

Ex-Officio – Primary



Preferred Name: Greg Gould

Greg Gould is Director of the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) and is responsible for the collection and disbursement of billions of dollars annually in revenues owed the Federal government and American Indians from energy production on all Federal and American Indian lands. Additionally, he is responsible for ONRR's compliance, enforcement, and financial management programs.

Gould began his career with the Department of the Interior as a Geologist in the New York Outer Continental Shelf office of the Bureau of Land Management in 1981. Prior to serving in his current position, he served as head of the Environmental Division within the former Minerals Management Service and was responsible for exercising policy and staff direction over a nationwide program for environmental assessment of the Outer Continental Shelf. The Division provided policy guidance, direction, and program oversight with respect to evaluating the potential and actual environmental impacts associated with extraction of offshore minerals, including oil, gas, sand, gravel, and renewable energy production. The Division ensured agency policies and industry practices conformed to the Nation's environmental policies and laws; managed the National Offshore Environmental Studies Program; and oversaw the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement for the 5-Year Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing Program.

In addition to his Executive Branch work, Gould served as an energy advisor to the Chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Oceanography.

Gould earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from the State University of New York, a Master's degree in Public Administration from George Mason University, and graduated from the John F. Kennedy School of Government Senior Executive Fellows program at Harvard University.

JAMES, James “Jim”, BIA

Ex-Officio – Primary

Preferred Name: Jim James

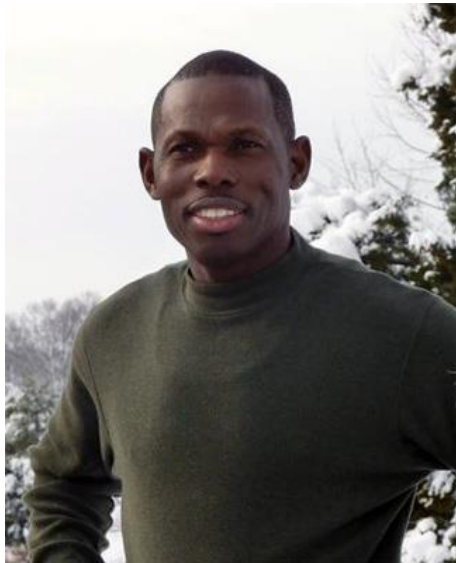
Jim James is currently the Deputy Bureau Director for Field Operations at the Bureau of Indian Affairs and was reassigned into this position on July 10, 2017. Before this reassignment, He served as the Deputy Special Trustee for Field Operations in the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians in the Office of the Secretary for the Department of the Interior. He also worked for the Office of the Special Trustee in numerous capacities between 2002 and my reassignment.

James joined the Senior Executive Service of the Federal Government at the Department of the Interior in 2003. He began his federal career in the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, DC serving as a tribal government specialist in policy development and as special assistant to the Deputy Commissioner Indian Affairs and the Assistant Secretary Indian Affairs in Washington, DC from 1998 to December 2001. He received his law degree from the University of New Mexico and passed the New Mexico bar in 1981. James served as an attorney for Indian Pueblo Legal Services to begin his legal career then started his own private practice in 1984. His practice focused on Indian law, constitutional law, civil rights, criminal practice, as both a prosecutor and criminal defense attorney, and commercial practice.

James is an enrolled member of Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo in New Mexico. He lives on a piece of property in Bosque Farms, New Mexico with his wife of 19 years, 3 goats, 2 dogs and a cat. James and his wife enjoy travel, the arts and working on their property.

NEDD, Michael, BLM

Ex-Officio – Primary



Preferred Name: Mike Nedd

Michael D. (Mike) Nedd is the Acting Director of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Prior to this appointment he served as Assistant Director for the BLM's Energy, Minerals & Realty Management Directorate. In this capacity he provided vision and leadership for developing and implementing programmatic policies, guidance, oversight, and human and fiscal resources for the BLM's renewable energy, fluid and solid minerals, lands and realty, and cadastral survey programs.

In addition to these roles Nedd has held numerous leadership positions within the BLM, including State Director, Associate State Director and Deputy Chief Information Officer (CIO)/Deputy Assistant Director. Prior to joining BLM, he worked for the National Park Service, the State of South Carolina and several private organizations. He also spent more than eight years on active duty in the U.S. military as an officer and enlisted soldier, in several highly specialized units. Nedd holds a Master's Degree in Information and Systems Management from Strayer University. He has also earned undergraduate degrees in Information and Systems Management and Business Administration.

As Acting Director Nedd oversees the nation's largest natural resources organization, with responsibility for more than ten percent of the land in the United States and one-third of the country's minerals. The BLM has nearly 10,000 employees and an annual budget of \$1.3 billion.

TAHSUDA, John, III, ASIA

Ex-Officio – Primary



Preferred Name: John Tahsuda

John Tahsuda III, a member of the Kiowa Indian Tribe of Oklahoma, was appointed by Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs (PDAS) effective September 3, 2017. The PDAS serves as the first assistant and principal advisor to the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs in the development and interpretation of policies affecting Indian Affairs bureaus, offices and programs.

Mr. Tahsuda came to the Department from Washington, D.C.-based Navigators Global, LLC, where he was a principal. While there, he led the company's tribal affairs practice providing clients with advocacy and counsel services on a range of tribal affairs policy issues at state and federal levels, including gaming, tax incentives, tobacco sales, land-into-trust issues, health care, economic development, energy policy, federal recognition, and self-governance. Before joining Navigators Global, Tahsuda had served since 2002 as senior counsel and staff director of the U.S. Senate's Indian Affairs Committee, where he directed policy and legislative efforts relating to Indian tribes. He also was directly responsible for federal policy and legislation affecting gaming, federal recognition, self-governance, and Indian health care. Prior to joining the Committee's staff, Tahsuda was engaged in private practice providing legal advice and legislative counseling to Indian tribes and tribal organizations. From 1999 to 2001, he served as general counsel and legislative director of the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA), the Indian gaming industry's trade association, where he monitored legislation and policy issues affecting the organization's 180 member tribes and assisted them in their lobbying efforts. In the years preceding his tenure at NIGA, Tahsuda served the Oneida Indian Nation of New York as acting general counsel with responsibilities that included overseeing its legal needs and business enterprises. From 1997 through 2001, he also served as an adjunct professor of law at Cornell Law School where he taught courses on federal Indian law, policy and history. Tahsuda received a *juris doctorate* from Cornell Law School in 1993 and a Bachelor of Science degree from Oklahoma State University in 1990.

KARL, Kevin BSEE

Ex-Officio – Alternate



Preferred Name: Kevin Karl

Kevin J. Karl is currently the Deputy Regional Director for - Production & Development, Regional Field Operations, Office of Technical Data Management, and Freedom of Information Office - for the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Region, U.S. Department of the Interior, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mr. Karl brings a wealth of technical and regulatory experience to BSEE, having served over 33 years with the agency and its predecessors. As one of two Deputy Regional Directors in the Gulf of Mexico Region, he oversees the program offices involved with production, well analysis, resource conservation, safety management, decommissioning, pipeline regulation, and structural and technical support.

Prior to his current position, Mr. Karl served as the Senior Advisor to the Regional Director. Previously, he held the position of Regional Supervisor for the Office of Production and Development. He has been especially active in the development of regulations and policy related to unitization, suspensions, flaring, and decommissioning cost estimation. Mr. Karl has vast experience handling regional and international issues and was a key member of the U.S. team formed to negotiate the U.S. - Mexico Transboundary Reservoir Agreement. Mr. Karl was promoted to Deputy Regional Director in 2015.

He received a BS in Petroleum Engineering from Louisiana State University in 1984.

LaCOUNTE, Darryl, BIA

Ex-Officio – Alternate

Preferred Name: Darryl LaCounte

Darryl LaCounte was named the Regional Director, Rocky Mountain Region in March 2015, and has served in the position since that time.

LaCounte's career in the Bureau of Indian Affairs began in July 1988, at the Wind River Agency in Fort Washakie Wyoming where he served as an Oil and Gas Specialist in the Branch of Real Estate Services. In August 1991 Mr. LaCounte was appointed to a Realty Specialist (Oil & Gas and Tenure and Management) position in the Billings Area Office, Billings, Montana. In October, 1995 LaCounte began serving as the Land Titles and Records Office Manager in Billings and served in the position until July 2001, when he accepted the Deputy Regional Realty Officer position in the Rocky Mountain Regional Office.

In May 2003, LaCounte began serving as a Special Assistant for Trust Reform in the Office of the Commissioner (Presently the Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs) where he served until his appointment to the Deputy Regional Director – Trust Services, Rocky Mountain Region, in Billings in August 2004. The Deputy for Trust Services manages the Land Titles and Records Office, the Division of Real Estate Services, Probate, Forestry, Agriculture and Wildlife and Branch of Water Resources in the Rocky Mountain Region.

LaCounte served as the Deputy Regional Director – Trust Services, Rocky Mountain Region until March 2010 when he was appointed as Special Assistant to the Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs where he served until January 2014 when he began acting as the Rocky Mountain Regional Director in Billings, a position he served in until he was permanently appointed in March 2015.

**MacGREGOR, Katharine,
ASLM**

Ex-Officio – Primary



Preferred Name: Katharine MacGregor

Katharine MacGregor serves as a Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management. MacGregor will advise the Assistant Secretary and Secretary on energy development and public land use. Before joining the Department, she was a senior staff member of the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources of the House Natural Resources Committee. Prior to that, MacGregor served as the Legislative Director for then-Majority Leader Eric Cantor. She is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences.

MEHLHOFF, John, ONRR

Ex-Officio – Alternate



Preferred Name: John Mehlhoff

John Mehlhoff finds opportunity within an organization, brings together individual ideas into a logical plan, helps others to see that vision, and drives to achieve positive results and change. He is an inspirational leader who tells stories that inspire people while at the same time is grounded in real world management. Mehlhoff is a respected decision maker who weighs reasonable risk and stands behind those decisions. He relies heavily on talented skill players around him who help to formulate thoughts into actions.

At the Office of Natural Resources Revenue Mehlhoff serves as the Program Director for oil, gas, and coal valuation; State and Tribal outreach and audit; regulations; and Director appeals. His CEVA organization is the primary partners with Solicitor's Office, Office of the Inspector General, and the Department of Justice on IBLA and Federal Court appeals, litigation, and enforcement activities. John worked 29 years in the Bureau of Land Management in Montana, Wyoming, Washington DC, Oklahoma and Colorado, holding progressively responsible positions as an engineer and line manager. Last serving as the acting Colorado State Director. Special career assignments included a Congressional Fellowship for Senator Ted Stevens, Alaska as an advisor on public land energy matters. He served as Chair of the Western Leadership Council building consensus on pending legislation and as the energy staff advisor for the Assistant Secretary Lands and Minerals where he led efforts regarding the Oil and Gas Performance Review, Royalty Policy Committee, and Reinvention of Government initiatives.

John holds a BS in Petroleum Engineering from Montana Tech and early in his career worked with Getty, Gulf, and Petro-Lewis companies in oil and gas field engineering and operations capacities.

ORR, Renee, BOEM

Ex-Officio – Alternate



Preferred Name: Renee Orr

Renee Orr has served for over 28 years in various roles within BOEM, BOEMRE and MMS, and has been a senior executive on the leadership team since the inception of BOEM in 2011. In her current position as the Chief of the Office of Strategic Resources, she oversees development and implementation of the nation's Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Natural Gas Leasing Program, assessment and inventory of oil, gas, and other mineral resources, maintenance of official maps and geographic data, economic evaluations to ensure the receipt of fair market value for OCS resources, identification and mitigation of financial risks associated with offshore lease activities, and the conveyance of marine minerals for coastal restoration projects.

Orr earned B.A. degrees in Economics and History from Metropolitan State College in Denver, CO and completed the DOI SES Candidate Development Program in 2001.

PAYSON, Steven, ASIA

Ex-Officio – Alternate

Preferred Name: Steven Payson

Steven Payson has over 32 years of professional experience in economics, having worked as an economic consultant for over three years at ICF Incorporated (starting in 1979), as an associate at the Inter-American Development Bank (from 1987 to 1991), and as federal government economist for more than 25 years at the National Science Foundation and the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, and Interior. In the Commerce Department, Dr. Payson served as Chief of the Special Studies Branch, and then Chief of Research, in the Government Division of the Bureau of Economic Analysis. In the past six years he has been a senior economic adviser in the Department of the Interior. At Interior, Payson first worked in Indian Affairs (from 7/2011 to 2/2015), and at the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (from 2/2015 to 7/2017).

In July of 2017, Payson moved back to Indian Affairs where he is now working in the Office of the Assistant Secretary. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1979 from Wesleyan University in Connecticut with a double-major in Mathematics and Bio-psychology, a Master of Science Degree in Economics from the London School of Economics in 1982, and a PhD in Economics from Columbia University in 1991. For work he has performed in government, Payson received a Bronze Award from the Bureau of Economic Analysis, and a Gold Award from the Department of the Interior.

SPISAK, Timothy, BLM

Ex-Officio – Alternate



Preferred Name: Timothy Spisak

Timothy “Tim” R. Spisak currently serves as Senior Advisor – Conventional Energy, Energy, Minerals & Realty Management Directorate, Bureau of Land Management, Washington Office. He is also the Acting Assistant Director – Energy, Minerals and Realty Management. The directorate provides policy development and oversight to the BLM’s minerals programs including National Renewable Energy Coordination Office (solar, wind and geothermal); Fluid minerals (oil, gas, and helium); Solid minerals (coal, locatable and mineral materials); and BLM’s realty programs including land exchanges, sales, withdrawals, rights-of-way authorizations for linear and communication sites and Cadastral survey.

Spisak’s educational background includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Petroleum & Natural Gas Engineering from the Pennsylvania State University, 1983 & a Master of Business Administration degree from West Texas A&M University in 1994.

Spisak has a total of 33 years of government service with the U.S. Bureau of Mines including time as a Petroleum Engineer, Supervisory Petroleum Engineer, Program Analysis Officer, Administrative Officer, and with the Bureau of Land Management including 5 years as the Amarillo Field Office Manager managing the Federal Helium Program in Amarillo Texas, 5 years as Fluid Minerals Division Chief in Washington Office, 5 years as the Deputy Assistant Director, Energy, Minerals & Realty Management and 3 years in the current position.

State Members

ANDREWS, John, UT

States – Primary



Preferred Name: John Andrews

John Andrews is Associate Director and Chief Legal Counsel of the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, a state agency responsible for management of 3.4 million acres of land granted to Utah at statehood for the support of public education. Andrews received his J.D. degree in 1986 from the University of Utah College of Law, where he served as Associate Editor of the *Journal of Energy Law & Policy*. Andrews received his undergraduate degree in economics from Colby College, Waterville, Maine. Prior to joining state government in 1994, he was a shareholder in the Salt Lake City law firm of Van Cott, Bagley, Cornwall & McCarthy, where he was a member of that firm’s litigation and natural resources sections. Andrews is admitted to practice in Utah, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court. He also currently serves as a trustee at large for the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation.

CARTER, Clinton, AL

States – Primary



Preferred Name: Clinton Carter

Clinton Carter was appointed Alabama State Finance Director on October 1, 2016 and serves at the direction of Governor Kay Ivey. As the State's chief financial officer, Carter serves as an advisor to the Governor and the Legislature in all financial matters and is charged with protecting the financial interests of the State of Alabama. He is responsible for the administration and oversight of the Department of Finance and serves on various advisory boards and authorities. Carter formerly served as the Deputy State Finance Director with the Bentley Administration, where he spearheaded the Road to a \$Billion program, a cost-savings initiative generating over \$1.2 Billion of annual savings to the State of Alabama. Following his time as Deputy Finance Director, Carter served as the Chief Financial Officer and the Vice President of Finance and Business Affairs at the University of North Alabama.

A Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Carter holds an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania where he was a Joseph Wharton scholar, a BBA in Finance & Accounting from the University of North Alabama, and completed the Institute for Educational Management program at Harvard University. Prior to entering public service, he was the Director of Corporate Development, Mergers and Acquisitions at Intergraph Corporation and in investment banking and finance with Merrill Lynch and Ernst & Young.

CROWTHER, John, AK

States – Primary

Preferred Name: John Crowther

John Crowther currently serves as a policy advisor and special assistant to the commissioner and executive leadership of Alaska’s Department of Natural Resources. He serves as policy advisor and special assistant to the commissioner and executive leadership of the department, with responsibility for special projects, department initiatives, and core mission objectives. Crowther manages complex issue resolution in numerous areas of the department’s responsibilities and prepares public remarks, official correspondence, internal briefing materials, and administrative decisions. He also coordinates submissions to federal agencies and the U.S. Congress and communicates with municipal, state, and federal government departments; local, national, international, and foreign corporations; the Alaska Legislature; and the public to advance the department’s missions.

As a member of the U. S. Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources Washington, DC, Crowther performed legal and policy research in a variety of areas under committee jurisdiction. He also prepared issue summaries and memoranda regarding proposed legislation, energy policy, and current events for Ranking Member of the Committee Lisa Murkowski and committee leadership. Subject areas focused on regulatory actions involving electricity generation and oil and gas development.

Crowther graduated from Georgetown University Law Center Washington, DC.

DARBY, William, TX

States – Primary



Preferred Name: Drew Darby

Drew Darby represents nine counties in West Texas spanning the Concho Valley and Permian Basin, an area larger than seven states. He is a product of San Angelo schools and received a business degree and a juris doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin. He also attended the Darden School for Emerging Leaders at the University of Virginia.

Darby was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 2006. He is currently serving as Chairman of the Energy Resources Committee, Chairman of the Select Committee on State and Federal Power and Responsibility Committee, and as a member of the Ways and Means Committee and Redistricting Committee. In previous sessions, Representative Darby has served as a member of the Legislative Budget Board, the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas Advisory Committee and as a subcommittee chairman for the House Committee on Appropriations.

A successful businessman, Darby is the owner of Surety Title with offices throughout West Texas, and Of Counsel to the Energy and Real Estate practice group at the law firm of Jackson Walker, LLP.

Darby and his wife, Clarisa, have five children and four grandchildren.

McKEE, Andrew, WY

States – Primary



Preferred Name: Colin McKee

Colin McKee is a policy advisor to Wyoming Governor Matt Mead. He advises the Governor on energy issues related to electric utilities, air regulations, tax, oil, gas and renewable energy. McKee oversees implementation of the Governor’s Energy Strategy. He also works with local government and the two Native American tribes in Wyoming. Prior to this, McKee was a business development consultant in Columbia, MO and the finance director for a personal security firm in Dili, Timor-Leste. He graduated from Drury University in Springfield, MO with degrees in Finance and Economics. McKee lives in Cheyenne, WY with his wife, Hayley. During his free time, he enjoys fly fishing, college football and non-fiction books.

SANFORD, Brent, ND

States – Primary



Preferred Name: Brent Sanford

Brent Sanford was elected North Dakota's 38th lieutenant governor on November 8, 2016, and took office on December 15, 2016. A Watford City native and third-generation business owner, Sanford served as mayor of his hometown from 2010 to 2016 and as a city councilman for four years before that. Sanford brings a strong background in business and finance to the lieutenant governor's office, coupled with a deep understanding of the importance of local control and the need to keep property taxes low. Under his leadership as mayor, Watford City experienced a period of rapid expansion that saw its population skyrocket from about 1,500 to 7,000 amid the state's oil boom. Major investments were made in community infrastructure, including a new high school, events center, airport terminal, hospital and law enforcement center, all while limiting property tax increases to 3 or 4 percent.

Sanford earned a degree in accounting from the University of North Dakota in 1994 and is a certified public accountant. He worked at Eide Bailly in Fargo for eight years before being hired as chief financial officer for Transwest Trucks, a multi-location truck dealership, financing and manufacturing operation with more than 400 employees headquartered in Brighton, Colorado. In November 2004, Sanford became owner and president of S & S Motors in Watford City, an auto dealership founded by his grandfather in 1946. He steered the stagnant former Ford dealership to 10 consecutive years of sales increases and created a unique custom vehicle procurement service in an isolated western North Dakota community. As a board member with the McKenzie County Job Development Authority, Sanford helped the region manage the economic swings of the Bakken oil play. He also is a founding board member of a community-owned nonprofit that established a 62-unit affordable housing complex for essential service workers and a 190-child daycare facility to help meet the area's workforce and childcare needs.

EDWARDS, Mark, NM

States – Alternate

Preferred Name: Mark Edwards

Mark Edwards currently serves as a staff member for the New Mexico Legislative Council Service. He has worked at DOI in the Solicitors Office and has provided legal counsel and advice to the Assistant Secretary for Water & Science and the Bureau of Reclamation.

Edwards has experience reviewing and drafting legislation, preparing briefing materials, and has coordinated and mediated between, constituencies, governmental agencies, and other Congressional offices.

HELMS, Lynn, ND

States - Alternate



Preferred Name: Lynn Helms

Lynn Helms is the Director of the North Dakota Department of Mineral Resources, possessing a wealth of information and leadership on the safe development of the state's resources.

Helms grew up on a cattle ranch in Harding County South Dakota where he learned to appreciate prairie ecology, wildlife conservation, and agricultural stewardship. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Helms' work in the oil industry began as a roughneck working holidays and summers during college, but eventually the industry provided opportunities for him to work on projects all over the world. Most recently, he has served as Director of the North Dakota Industrial Commission Oil & Gas Division since July 1998 then Director of the Department of Mineral Resources since it was formed in July 2005.

Helms is an active member of Mandan Dacotah Lions, Dakota Christian Camp, and Bismarck Church of Christ working on service projects and teaching classes for all ages, including preschoolers. When he's not working or volunteering he enjoys spending time with his wife, children, grand-children, and horses.

HUNT, Hans, WY

States - Alternate



Preferred Name: Hans Hunt

Hans Hunt currently serves as a State Representative for the State of Wyoming. He has also served as a member of President-elect Donald Trump's Agricultural Advisory Committee.

In 2010, at the age of 22 and prior to finishing college, Hunt was elected to the Wyoming House of Representatives. As a fourth-generation rancher, he has a great deal of respect and appreciation for our wide open spaces and our state's abundant natural resources. As a state legislator for the past seven years, he has come to know a great deal about the great state he calls home, including the many issues that affect its citizens at the local, state, and federal levels. It has been, and continues to be, the honor of a lifetime for Hunt to serve his hometown and the surrounding area in the state legislature.

Sitting near the edge of one of the largest coal deposits in North America, Newcastle has many residents who are employed in nearby coal mines. There is an abundance of oil and natural gas development in northeast Wyoming as well. The energy industry is the lifeblood of Wyoming's economy, and its mineral royalties have historically driven the state's revenues, particularly in education and capitol construction projects. Hunt's service on the House minerals committee has given him a good deal of insight into the inner workings of the importance of minerals severance taxes, as well as the regulatory oversight of the mining, oil, and gas industries.

SADDLER, Daniel, AK

States - Alternate



Preferred Name: Dan Saddler

Daniel Saddler has represented Chugiak-Eagle River and JBER in the Alaska State Legislature since 2011, successfully advancing public policy on military affairs, natural resources, services for Alaskans with disabilities, and economic development.

Saddler, 56, enjoyed a successful 10-year career as a journalist, and nearly 20 years in Alaska's legislative and executive branches of government before winning his first election.

In addition to his work in Alaska, he's advocated nationally for responsible development in ANWR and for better vocational opportunities for veterans, as an active Alaska member of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Saddler's work has earned him the Council of State Governments' Henry Toll Fellowship, the National Guard Association of the U.S. "Patrick Henry Award," the Key Coalition's "Golden Key Award" and Hope Community Resources' "Outstanding Legislative Support" award.

He is involved in the Rotary Club and Chugiak-Eagle River Chamber of Commerce, Resource Development Council, Commonwealth North, and many other military, political outdoors and aviation-related groups.

Saddler and his wife Chris, have 18-year-old twins, two adult sons, and two grand-daughters. He enjoys experiencing Alaska's outdoors with his family, flying his Cessna 182, and writing and performing mildly satirical political songs.

STRICKLAND, Jerry, TX

States - Alternate



Preferred Name: Jerry Strickland

Jerry Strickland currently serves as the Executive Director for the Texas Office of State-Relations. Mr. Strickland formerly served as Director of Communications for the Office of the Attorney General Greg Abbott, and has served as spokesman and advisor for Governor Abbott since 2003. Previously, Strickland was a reporter and anchor for CBS and ABC news affiliates in Texas and other states. He is a graduate of the University of Mississippi.

Strickland was appointed by Governor for Senate-confirmed post to advocate for the State of Texas with the federal government, the White House, and Texas Congressional delegation. He is an advocate for Texas in Washington, DC. He is in consistent White House communication regarding Texas-specific opportunities and challenges. He has previously served as the States Policy Director for Federal Affairs.

THOMAS, Shawn, MT

States - Alternate



Preferred Name: Shawn Thomas

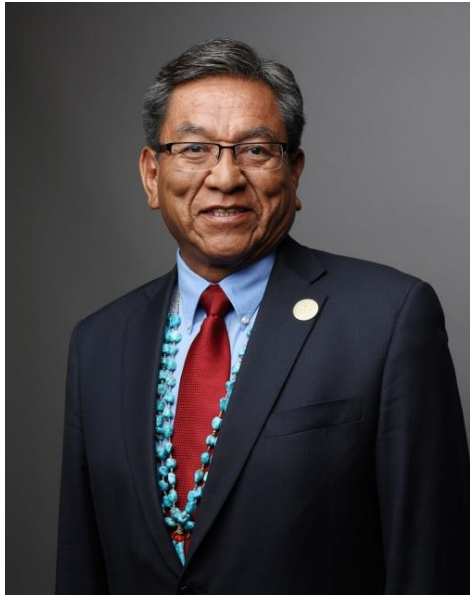
Shawn Thomas is the Montana DNRC's Trust Land Division Administrator. His position oversees the management of more than 5 million acres of surface, and 6 million acres of mineral estate granted to Montana upon statehood. These lands are constitutionally mandated to generate revenues for various trust beneficiaries, mostly K-12 education. Programs include the management of resources in Real Estate, Forests, Mineral estate, and Agriculture and Grazing. Montana DNRC's minerals Management Bureau is responsible for leasing, permitting, and managing over 1800 lease agreements on more than 750,000 acres. These leases generated between \$7.8 and \$23.5 million per year in royalties over the past 5 years.

Thomas was born and raised in Montana, and has spent his career working in Natural Resource Management. He has a BS in Forestry from the University of Montana with an emphasis in Forest Resource Management. He has worked as an industrial timber sale forester, a procurement forester, and as an agency forester and lands manager for more than two decades.

Tribal Members

BEGAYE, Russell, Navajo

Tribes – Primary



Preferred Name: Russell Begaye

Russell Begaye currently serves as the President of the Navajo Nation. He was elected to this office in 2015.

Begaye is the Navajo Nation's liaison to the United States Congress, U.S. President and the Federal Agencies/Departments, Governors of States, and other Tribal Leaders. He is responsible for and serves over 300,000 Navajo people. Begaye also oversees and negotiates agreements that develop and address energy projects within the boundaries of the Navajo Nation.

Begaye was a Council Delegate, Navajo Nation Council from 2011-2015. He has also represented the Community of Shiprock, New Mexico. Begaye is responsible to act and introduce legislation for the Navajo Nation Government and the People. He has also served as a member of the Law and Order Committee.

RED, Christopher Adam, Southern Ute

Tribes – Primary



Preferred Name: Adam Red

Christopher Adam Red is a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and proudly serves the tribal membership on the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council. Councilman Red was elected in December 2016.

Prior to his election, Red worked for the Tribe in various capacities with the Southern Ute Permanent Fund and the Southern Ute Growth Fund. While at the Tribe's Permanent Fund, he was employed with the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife, as well as the Southern Ute Tribal Rangers. At his most recent position as a GIS Specialist with the Southern Ute Department of Energy (DOE) for the Southern Ute Growth Fund, he created, displayed, and maintained GIS data. Red collaborated with numerous state and federal agencies regarding Oil and Gas activities on the Southern Ute Reservation and gained valuable experience in business and leadership during his career.

Upon his graduation from Ignacio High School, Red attended the University of Northern Colorado where he received his Bachelor of Arts in Geography and a Minor in Multicultural Anthropology. He currently serves on the following boards and committees: Royalty Policy Committee, Indian Country Energy and Infrastructure Working Group (ICEIWG), Intertribal Buffalo Council, Environmental Policy Committee, Tribal Policy Committee, Tribal Security Committee, Johnson O'Malley (JOM) Program Committee, Title VI Committee, Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Parent Advisory Group, and Growth Fund Management Committee.

Councilman Red enjoys spending as much time as he can with his two daughters, Sierra, 12 and McKayla, 6.

ROBERTSON, Charles, Choctaw

Tribes – Primary



Preferred Name: Charles Robertson

Charles Robertson's work in the FCT started in 1971 with the BIA. He left that office and started working with the Mineral Management Service (MMS now ONRR) from 1999 to 2002. Since then, he has worked as a consultant for the Cherokee, Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations as a land and minerals consultant. During those 46 years Robertson has developed in-depth knowledge of sub-surface leasing regulations, laws, directives, policies, and guidelines and the ability to apply the governing rules, and regulations.

Robertson provided technical assistance to the agencies' land resources personnel, Arkansas Riverbed Authority, tribal contract personnel, tribal officials, tribal councils, self-governance tribes, individual tribal members, branches of the BIA, ONRR, BLM, OTFM, and other branches of Government, private industry, and the general public on matters concerning the minerals leasing program. He started outreach meetings, and seminars, to inform and educate as required. This required an in-depth knowledge of regulations, procedural directives, and policies with respect to oil and gas royalty collection, distribution, and accountability.

Robertson's work involves various types of real property interest in forty-one (41) counties in Oklahoma with checkerboard ownership covering over a million acres. Title and land ownership dates back several generations and title transfers are often undocumented. These problems required thorough research to make conclusive determination, which must stand scrutiny under legal proceedings and court testimony.

Robertson is thoroughly familiar with Federal and State Statutes; United States Code Annotated; Code of Federal Regulations; Departmental BIA, ONNR, BLM, and OTFM Manuals; Secretarial directives; policies; procedural directives; Solicitor's opinions; Court Cases and established criteria dealing with the Five Civilized Tribes.

Robertson has been involved with several special task forces. He was a member of Four Corners Trust Services Laboratory Team: appointed by Vice-President Al Gore to evaluate, re-engineer, and streamline bureau processes in the Farmington, New Mexico Indian Minerals Office in 1996. This led to improved fulfillment of the Department's fiduciary responsibility to Navajo allottees. He also served as Chair of the Arkansas Riverbed Federal Negotiation Team: appointed by Deputy Secretary of the Interior to facilitate and negotiate a resolution and settlement to a long-standing dispute involving United States Government and various Indian Tribes regarding the Arkansas Riverbed.

WALLER, Everett, Osage

Tribes – Primary



Preferred Name: Everett Waller

Everett Waller currently serves in his elected position on the 3rd Osage Minerals Council. As Minerals Council Chairman, Chairman Waller is intimately involved in the day to day oil and gas operation on the Osage Reservation, which includes overseeing the negotiation of leases and concession agreements, marketing oil and gas development of the Osage Mineral Estate, and the protection of the Reservation's natural and cultural resources for all Osage people.

Chairman Waller started his career working on oil drilling rigs for Hughes drilling and Curt Brown Drilling in Oklahoma. He was later employed as a supervisor with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Minerals Branch at the Osage Agency in Pawhuska and worked as a Minerals Consultant for the Leta Chapman Estate.

In past years, Waller has served as a council member for the Osage Tribal Council and the Osage Nation National Council. He has served as chairman of the Hominy Indian Village Committee, National Indian Gaming Committee, Federal Highway Administration, CERT (Council of Energy Resource Tribes), ITMA (Inter-Tribal Monitoring Association), and State of Oklahoma Tribal Advisory Board. Waller is a lifelong Zon-Zo-Li blood traditionalist, served as Hominy Whip Man, and is a member of the Big Moon Black Dog Society of the Native American Church.

His parents are the late Everett and Cedar Marguerite (Matin) Waller, and he is married to Marion Hope Waller. He has two daughters, Hope and Hannah, and two grandchildren, Elijah and Henley Rose. He is a descendant of Claremore, Black Dog, Watiankah, and Saucy Chief.

BECKER, Bidtah, Navajo

Tribes – Alternate



Preferred Name: Bidtah Becker

Bidtah N. Becker, is currently the Executive Director of the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources, appointed by Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye and Vice-President Nez in May 2015 and confirmed by the Navajo Nation Council in October 2015.

The Division is made up of thirteen departments, including the Minerals Department. Immediately prior to the appointment, Becker served as the Assistant Attorney General for the Natural Resources Unit of the Navajo Nation Department of Justice, after serving in various attorney roles within the Department since 2002. She is a graduate of the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and the University of New Mexico School of Law.

SHAKESPEARE, Leslie, Eastern Shoshone

Tribes – Alternate



Preferred Name: Leslie Shakespeare

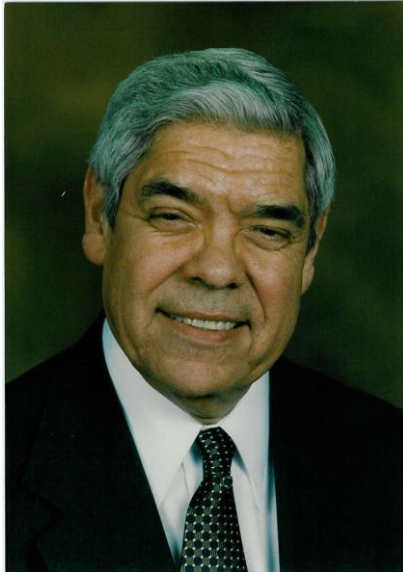
Leslie Shakespeare is a member of the Eastern Shoshone Business Council. His role as part of the Eastern Shoshone Tribe's government is to provide for and protect the health, safety and welfare of all its tribal members. All his duties and actions are implemented in an informed and sensitive manner, respectful of tribal sovereignty and the traditional and cultural values, beliefs and principles of tribal members and governments.

Shakespeare has been committed to bettering his reservation community since graduating from college and returning home to use his skills to serve his tribe and the reservation as a whole. He served as a Juvenile Probation Officer with the Eastern Shoshone Juvenile Services for five years then served as the Director of the department for another three years. He left that position to become a Bureau of Indian Affairs police officer committed to keeping the reservation safe. Shakespeare left that position after four years to continue serving his Tribe and community at a higher level as the Wyoming Governor's Tribal Liaison.

Shakespeare is a proud alumnus of the University of Wyoming graduating with a Bachelor's of Arts in Criminal Justice in 2002 then receiving a Masters of Public Administration from Norwich University in 2007. He is the father of two daughters and one son.

McCALEB, Neal, Chickasaw

Tribes – Alternate



Preferred Name: Neal McCaleb

Neal McCaleb currently serves as “Ambassador-at-Large” for the Chickasaw Nation. He was appointed by President George W. Bush to serve as the Assistant Secretary of Interior for Indian Affairs in 2001 serving to 2003.

McCaleb was Secretary of Transportation and Director of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for eleven years under two governors and headed the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority during two major expansion programs. He served in the Oklahoma House of Representative for eight years and as Republican Floor Leader for four of those years.

McCaleb was in private practice as a Civil Engineer for thirty years and is a licensed Professional Engineer and Land Surveyor. In 1983, he was appointed by President Reagan to the “Commission on Indian Reservation Economies” to report on impediments to economic development in Indian Country.

McCaleb is 1957 graduate of Oklahoma State University with a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering.

Industry Members

ADAMS, Matthew, Cloud Peak

Industry – Primary



Preferred Name: Matthew Adams

Matthew A. Adams

Matthew Adams is Vice President, Senior Tax Counsel for Cloud Peak Energy. He oversees all aspects of international, federal, state and local tax and royalty matters for Cloud Peak Energy. Prior to joining Cloud Peak Energy in 2013, Adams was Vice President of Taxation for Intrepid Potash. Previously, he worked at Ernst & Young LLP and Arthur Andersen in various capacities, with a significant focus on taxation of mining operations, international tax and mergers and acquisitions

Adams earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Drake University as well as a Juris Doctorate and LL.M. in Taxation from the University of Denver.

ALVARADO, Estella

Industry – Primary



Preferred Name: Stella Alvarado

Stella Alvarado is the Accounting Manager of Production, Regulatory, and Royalty Reporting for Anadarko Petroleum Corporation. She has been with Anadarko for 16 years and has over thirty years of experience working with independent production and exploration companies in the industry. In her current role, she oversees operations accounting for domestic and offshore production, as well as the regulatory and Federal royalty reporting function. She has extensive experience working with various State agencies and with Federal agencies, such as the Bureau of Land Management, Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR), Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), and Department of Energy.

Alvarado's other responsibilities have included managing the reporting and reconciliation of the first annual US EITI report that Anadarko submitted. For three years, she has served as industry lead for the Production and Regulatory sub-group, comprised of seventeen peer companies. Alvarado serves as co-chair for the BSEE/OOC/ONRR committee initiative to define Best Practices for Offshore Measurement and Allocation Methodology.

Alvarado received her Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Finance at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

LUTHI, Randall, NOIA

Industry – Primary



Preferred Name: Randall Luthi

Randall Luthi became President of the National Ocean Industries Association (NOIA) on March 1, 2010. An attorney and rancher from Freedom, Wyoming, Luthi has an impressive background in government service and the private sector. Luthi most recently served as the Director of the Minerals Management Service (MMS) at DOI from July 2007 through January 2009. There Luthi oversaw offshore lease sales and collection and distribution to the States and Federal government of mineral revenues and royalties. He also oversaw the expansion of a renewable energy office at MMS, which manages development of wind, wave and current energy in the U.S. oceans.

Immediately before directing MMS, Luthi served as the Deputy Director of the Department's Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). Luthi has also served as an attorney at both the Department of the Interior (DOI) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), where he worked on natural resource damages following the Exxon Valdez accident.

In 2000, Luthi started the law firm of Luthi & Voyles, LLC, in Thayne, Wyoming.

Luthi's career in the Wyoming House of Representatives began in 1995, where he served as Speaker of the House in 2005 and 2006.

MITCHELL, Marisa, Intersect Power

Industry – Primary



Preferred Name: Marisa Mitchell

Marisa Mitchell is a Principal at Intersect Power, a clean energy infrastructure development company, where she leads environmental permitting and policy matters. Prior to Intersect Power, she was Director of Site Development at Recurrent Energy, where her role included siting, permitting, and ensuring compliance for large-scale solar photovoltaic and energy storage projects. She spent the prior ten years as a NEPA consultant serving the BLM and other public agencies in their roles issuing land use entitlements for solar, wind, electrical transmission, and mining projects. Mitchell recently served on the Avian Solar Working Group, a collaborative group of environmental organizations, academics, utility scale solar companies, and solar industry representatives formed in 2015. She is currently a student in the Executive MBA program at UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business.

NOAH, Patrick, ConocoPhillips

Industry – Primary



Preferred Name: Patrick Noah

Patrick Noah manages Litigation Management and Royalty Compliance for ConocoPhillips. In this capacity, he plays a lead role in addressing federal, state, native and fee royalty issues and litigation matters for ConocoPhillips across the Lower 48. Noah functions as the representative of the company's business unit in royalty and litigation matters, serving as a lead negotiator in litigation settlement negotiations, mediations and arbitrations. He is also responsible to ensure that royalty obligations are correctly reflected within company systems, manages responses to royalty owner inquiries and plays a role in training staff in managing royalty obligations.

Noah has more than thirty-five years' experience in the oil and gas industry, primarily in land management roles that include diverse experience in the Rockies, Mid-Continent, Permian, OCS and Alaska. He has previously served as Land Manager of the San Juan Business Unit, Land Director in both the Permian Basin and Rockies Exploration functions and LNG Marketing Director

Noah began his career with Phillips Petroleum Company in 1981 as a landman in the Texas Panhandle. He served in various staff roles, with special project responsibilities involving business development, revenue management and royalty litigation matters. Between roles with Phillips, Noah served as Land Director with independent Slawson Oil.

Following obtaining an undergraduate B.A. in Political Science at St. Ambrose University in 1978, Noah attended the University of Iowa School of Law and graduated with a J.D. in 1981

CADENA, Jennifer, Incremental Oil & Gas

Industry – Alternate



Preferred Name: Jennifer Cadena

Jennifer Cadena is an oil and gas executive with almost a decade of experience managing and advising Chief Executive Officers and Board of Directors at publicly-traded oil and gas companies in the areas of risk management, law, land, regulatory, environmental and compliance issues.

Cadena serves as Vice President – Land and Legal and General Counsel for Incremental Oil & Gas USA Holdings, Inc. in Denver, Colorado. She drafts and negotiates acquisition and divestiture agreements including: confidentiality agreements, term sheets, and purchase and sale agreements (asset acquisition and sale of membership interest). Cadena also drafts and negotiates operational agreements: Joint Operating Agreements and Master Service Agreements. She prepares necessary land documents (leases, county assignments, assignments of overriding royalty interests) and advises on corporate company formation, risk management, and review of Australian Stock Exchange rules.

In addition to her other duties, Cadena revises press releases and annual reports after review of production and financial data. She is responsible for corporate, land, title, and environmental due diligence for Montana, Oklahoma, and Texas and reviews/updates land holdings spreadsheets and maps (HBP v. non-HBP), drilling requirements in leases and assignments, title opinions for major issues, various land agreements, and utilizes this information to prepare Net Revenue Interest.

Cadena also reviews state, federal, and Indian regulatory regimes and determines compliance and environmental reviews that still need to be completed (includes spacing, water usage, NEPA, air, etc.)

GERHOLT, Gabrielle, Concho

Industry – Alternate



Preferred Name: Gabrielle Gerholt

Gabrielle Gerholt has the lead responsibility for assessment of and drafting comments on proposed rules of the Bureau of Land Management and the Environmental Protection Agency; She is also responsible for implementation of finalized federal rules within Concho. Gerholt provides oil and gas regulatory assistance to Concho executives and operational personnel by providing guidance about federal oil and gas regulations. She is responsible for obtaining flat rate royalty determinations for federal sliding scale leases and reduced royalty rates from the State of New Mexico.

Gerholt meets with members of New Mexico's legislature and state agencies to discuss proposed legislation and its potential impacts on New Mexico's Oil and Gas Act, the oil and gas industry, consumers and the state's revenue stream from oil and gas production, and ways to mitigate the adverse impacts on these constituencies.

Gerholt was invited to testify as an expert witness before the New Mexico Senate Finance Committee in 2017 on the Oil and Gas Reclamation Fund and was a speaker at Carlsbad Mayor's Oil and Gas Summit 2016 to discuss the cost of Federal Regulations to the State of New Mexico. She also served as an expert witness before New Mexico's Legislative Finance Committee 2016 to discuss the anticipated costs of new Federal rules.

MODIANO, Albert, US Oil & Gas Assoc.

Industry – Alternate



Preferred Name: Albert Modiano

Albert L. Modiano is President of US Oil & Gas Association in Washington, DC. The Association has over 4,500 members with Divisions in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Alabama and Mississippi.

Prior to joining the US Oil & Gas Association, Modiano served as Deputy Director of the Minerals Management Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. He also served as an Office Director Oil Policy in the U.S. Department of Energy. His prior experience includes positions with the American Petroleum Institute, International Energy Agency, and Federal Energy Administration and as an energy legislative assistant to Senator Howard Metzenbaum.

Modiano received several awards and commendations while serving at the Department of the Interior, including the Secretary's Silver Medal. He has served on the Secretary of the Interior's Royalty Policy Advisory Committee and the Secretary of Energy's Ultra-Deepwater OCS Advisory Committee.

Modiano's publications include Energy Data of Developing Countries for IEA and "Energy Conservation in US Refineries" in Hydrocarbon Processing. For several years he penned a monthly "Washington Report" publication published by and for the Texas oil and gas industry.

Modiano graduated Phi Beta Kappa and Cum Laude from Hobart College. He was a Hillman Fellow at the University of Chicago and also attended Harvard University.

MORBY, Greg, Chevron

Industry – Alternate



Preferred Name: Greg Morby

Greg Morby has dedicated the better part of a thirty-five-year career addressing issues related to the product derived from the basic equation of rate times value.

Having been a summer hand roustabout for Amoco in 1981, he received a BBA in Accounting from the University of Texas at Austin, in May 1982. He joined Getty Oil Company in Houston, Texas, the same month and went on to assume positions of increasing responsibility in the Getty, and successor Texaco Inc., Tax Department focused on ad valorem, production, and excise taxes.

Following the merger of Texaco and Chevron, Morby was appointed to his current position effective January 2003. Since that time, he has spent substantial time working private, State, Federal and Indian production and royalty valuation issues

A natural outcome of working the above, and 35 years in the domestic oil and gas industry, is his strong appreciation and desire for clarity, efficiency, and fairness.

Morby has been married to Pam for 33 years and they have three children.

SGAMMA, Kathleen, Western Energy Alliance

Industry – Alternate



Preferred Name: Kathleen Sgamma

Kathleen Sgamma spent eleven years in the Information Technology sector, including managing the European consulting practice for a software vendor, and three years as a Military Intelligence Officer in the US Army. She holds a B.S. in Political Science/Defense and Arms Control Studies from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an M.S. in Information Technology from Virginia Tech.

Sgamma serves as President of Western Energy Alliance in Denver, Colorado. She leads a trade association that promotes the interests of small, independent oil and natural gas producers in the West with respect to federal environmental, regulatory, and public lands issues. She builds strong relations with a broad array of stakeholders, and federal, state and local policymakers and agencies. Sgamma demonstrated achievement and strategic vision taking Western Energy Alliance from a standard trade association to the leading organization on western oil and natural gas issues, recognized in Washington and across the region as an aggressive advocate for responsible public lands access, reducing regulatory overreach, and diminishing government control of the private sector.

Sgamma is recognized for her ability to work with, while holding accountable, agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); Department of the Interior especially the Bureau of Land Management, Fish & Wildlife Service, and Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR); and state regulators. She has been instrumental, while serving on ONRR's Indian Oil Valuation Negotiated Rulemaking Committee, in achieving a balanced consensus among tribal representatives, Indian allottees, ONRR and industry on a final rule to maximize revenue for tribes without discouraging producers from developing on Indian lands.

SIMPSON, Kevin, Shell

Industry – Alternate

Preferred Name: Kevin Simpson

Kevin Simpson is the current Team Lead of Offshore Regulatory Policy and Advocacy for Shell Exploration and Production Co., New Orleans, Louisiana, managing small-to-medium sized teams responsible for the forecasting, monitoring, and analyzing emerging regulations. He has regular dialogue with Shell executives regarding regulatory/government policy impacts upon key U.S. lines of business including all offshore exploration, development, and production as well as integrated natural gas monetization.

Simpson maintains superior networks and a base of institutional knowledge and processes for upstream energy regulatory and policy issues with close ties in pipeline and downstream operations. He is also the Shell representative to API Offshore Issues Committee; NOIA HSE Cmte; Gulf of Mexico Alliance and a member of Shell's global emergency response team with highest levels of training and live incident experience.

From February 2009 until October 2012 Simpson served as Senior Republican Counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources as Primary Counsel to Ranking Member Murkowski for a broad range of oil and natural gas issues. He successfully built coalitions, navigated and influenced government policy, and established Ranking Member Murkowski as a national leader on oil and natural gas.

Simpson has a proven record of passing or defeating multiple bills before Committee and Senate. He negotiated and drafted major, complex provisions in various bipartisan legislation. He also cultivated strong networks with and knowledge of policymakers and stakeholders throughout Congress, Executive branch, state and tribal governments, Alaska Native Corporations, various interest groups, media professionals, and industry.

*Academia/Public Interest
Members*

EGGERT, Roderick, CO School of Mines

Academia/Public Interest – Primary



Preferred Name: Roderick Eggert

Roderick Eggert is Viola Vestal Coulter Foundation Chair in Mineral Economics at Colorado School of Mines, where he has taught since 1986. He also is Deputy Director of the Critical Materials Institute, an energy innovation hub established by the U.S. Department of Energy in 2013, to accelerate innovation in energy materials.

Eggert's research and teaching focus on mineral economics and public policy. He chaired the U.S. National Research Council committee that wrote the 2008 book *Minerals, Critical Minerals, and the US Economy* (National Academies Press) and served on the study committee that prepared the 2011 report *Energy Critical Elements: Securing Materials for Emerging Technologies* (American Physical Society and the Materials Research Society).

Eggert has a B.A. in earth sciences from Dartmouth College, a M.S. in geochemistry and mineralogy from Penn State University, and a Ph.D. in mineral economics also from Penn State.

MILLS, Monte, University of Montana Law

Academia/Public Interest – Primary



Preferred Name: Monte Mills

Monte Mills is an Assistant Professor and Co-Director of the Margery Hunter Brown Indian Law Clinic at the Alexander Blewett III School of Law at the University of Montana, where he teaches a variety of courses related to federal Indian law and also directs the school's Summer Indian Law Program. His research and writing focuses on the intersection of Indian law and natural resources issues.

Prior to joining that school's faculty in the summer of 2015, Mills was the Director of the Legal Department for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in Colorado, an in-house counsel department that he helped organize and implement in 2005 following completion of a unique two-year in-house attorney training program. As Director of the Tribe's Legal Department, Mills represented and counseled the Tribe on a broad array of issues, including litigation in tribal, state and federal courts, legislative matters before the Colorado General Assembly and the United States Congress, and internal tribal matters such as contracting, code-drafting, and gaming issues.

ROMERO, Van, NM Institute of Mining

Academia/Public Interest – Primary



Preferred Name: Van Romero

Dr. Van D. Romero is currently the Vice President for Research, Professor of Physics and serves as the Chief Operating Officer at the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (New Mexico Tech). As the Research Vice President, he is responsible for a diverse research portfolio and has served as the Principal Investigator for projects that total over ½ of a billion dollars, which includes programs in astronomy, earth science, Homeland Security and energy.

Romero obtained his B.S. and M.S. in Physics from New Mexico Tech. He obtained his Ph.D. in Physics from the State University of New York at Albany, where his dissertation research focused on the strong force coupling constant that drives binding within the nucleus. Prior to joining New Mexico Tech, Romero worked at four DOE laboratories and spent 15 years working in the Naval Reactors program. After leaving the Naval Reactors program, he joined the Superconducting Super Collider (SSC) where he was responsible for the SSC's radiation protection program. At the SSC his specific area of focus was groundwater contamination. In addition to his research, Romero is a member of numerous advisory boards, mentors students and teaches classes.

RUSZ, Daniel, Wood Mackenzie

Academia/Public Interest – Primary



Preferred Name: Daniel Rusz

Daniel Rusz is a Research Director of Coal Markets & Supply for Wood Mackenzie, a global leader in commercial intelligence for the energy, metals and mining industries. He has over 30 years of work experience in the energy and transportation fields, and has been with Wood Mackenzie since 2008.

Rusz focuses on researching mining operations. His work has taken him to various coal producing countries of the world including Australia, Canada, Colombia, Poland, Russia, as well as every major coal producing region in the US.

Rusz's background includes over a decade of work experience each with a coal mining company (Massey Energy) and a US railroad (CSX). He has also worked for two large US electric utilities (Virginia Power and Florida Power & Light). His mining experience includes performing operations coordination, sales planning, revenue forecasting, and contract administration. His transportation experience is comprised of various segments of railroad operations including service design, operations analysis, classifications and scheduling, dispatching control, and management of train crews. Rusz's power company experience covered distribution engineering, generation planning, and coal/railroad contract administration.

Rusz holds a BS in Electrical Engineering and an MBA, both from the University of Virginia.

AWUAH-OFFEI, Kwame, MO University of Science and Technology

Academia/Public Interest – Alternate



Preferred Name: Kwame Awuah-Offei

Kwame Awuah-Offei is currently an associate professor of mining engineering at Missouri University of Science & Technology. He recently served as a mining engineering academic fellow for the US Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC) and is currently a consultant to the Commission on mining property disclosure issues. He holds a PhD from University of Missouri-Rolla (UMR). A major part of his PhD work was done at the University of Alberta, Canada. He holds a BS (Hons) from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology, Ghana. He has over 14 years of research, teaching and industry experience. Awuah-Offei's research interests include modeling and optimization of mining systems, and design and management of sustainable mining systems.

Awuah-Offei's total research funding is over \$24.5m (\$3m by percent effort). He has published 39 peer-reviewed journal papers and 27 papers in conference proceedings. He has worked in surface gold mining and aggregates operations. He teaches (or has taught in the past) graduate and undergraduate mining engineering courses on Environmental Aspects of Mining, Surveying for Mineral Engineers, Surface Mine Design, Geostatistics & Ore Reserve Analysis, Computer-Aided Mine Design, Simulation of Mining Systems, and Optimization Applications in Mining. Awuah-Offei is a nationally active member of the Society of Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration (SME), a member of the Society of Mining Professors, and a fellow of the West African Institute of Mining, Metallurgy & Petroleum (WAIMM). He is a past chair of the SME Sustainable Development Committee.

DAVIS, Graham, CO
School of Mines

Academia/Public Interest – Alternate



Preferred Name: Graham Davis

Graham Davis is Professor of Mineral Economics at the Colorado School of Mines, where he has taught and researched mineral economics since 1993. He holds a B.S. in Metallurgical Engineering from Queen’s University, an MBA from the University of Cape Town, and a Ph.D. in Mineral Economics from the Pennsylvania State University.

Prior to joining academia Davis worked as a metallurgical engineer at mines in Canada and Namibia. His research focuses on the valuation of mineral and energy assets under uncertainty, the impacts of mining on economic and human development, and the impacts of taxation on mining and energy firm design and production choices.

Davis is a Registered member of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration. He is also a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining & Metallurgy. In 2014 he received the Mineral Economics Award from SME/AIME “For research and teaching on modern methods of valuing and evaluating undeveloped mineral resources and on the role of minerals on economic development.”

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