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OIL AND GAS LAW: A Selective Research Guide

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Overview:

This research guide is a selective list of resources in oil and gas law, with an emphasis on materials in the Thomas M. Cooley Law School's Law Libraries. It is not a comprehensive guide to all resources on the subject, but rather intended to serve as a starting point.

Subject Headings:

Petroleum law and legislation -- United States
Natural gas -- Law and legislation -- United States
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Petroleum industry and trade

I. Treatises and Dictionaries

Oil and Gas Law by Howard R. Williams and Charles J. Meyers

Location: KF1849 .W542 1959

This eight volume loose leaf treatise covers a wide area of topics relating to oil and gas law, including the nature of oil and gas property interests, conveyancing, leasing, pooling, and division orders. Also available in the online Matthew Bender Collection and Lexis.

The Law of Oil and Gas: A Treatise Covering the Law Relating to the Production of Oil and Gas from Public and Private Lands and the Transportation Thereof by W.L. Summers

Location: KF1849 .S8 1954

Another eight volume, in-depth treatise, covering the nature of oil and gas property interests, property owner privileges and duties, leases, operator licensing, remedies, taxation, state and federal law. This treatise includes a volume of forms.

The Law of Oil and Gas Leases by Earl A. Brown

Location: KF1865 .B72 1973

This is a two volume treatise focusing specifically on oil and gas leases. It contains in-depth treatment of specific types of clauses, including royalty clauses, pooling provisions, dry hole clauses, etc.



Manual of Oil and Gas Terms: Annotated Manual of Legal, Engineering, and Tax Words and Phrases by Howard R. Williams & Charles J. Meyers

Location: KF1847.5 .W54 2003

Detailed guide to the terms used in the oil and gas industry and in oil and gas law.

II. Nutshells, Hornbooks and Textbooks

Oil and Gas Law in a Nutshell by John S. Lowe

Location: KF1850 .L68 2003

Accessible introduction to the main topics of oil and gas law.

Hemingway Oil and Gas Law and Taxation by Owen L. Anderson

Location: KF1849 .H44 2004

Hornbook covering a wide range of oil and gas law issues, including mineral estates, conveyances, claims of surface owners, leases, and applicable federal taxation provisions.

Cases and Materials on Oil and Gas Law by John S. Lowe

Location: KF1848 .O53 2002

Casebook dealing with the basic topics of oil and gas law, including estates, pooling and leasing issues.

Cases and Materials on the Law of Oil and Gas by Richard C. Maxwell, Patrick H. Martin and Bruce M. Kramer

Location: KF1848 .M39 2002

Covers covenants, interests, conveyancing, pooling, leasing, public lands and also provides general information about the industry.

III. Specialized Resources

Legal Aspects of the Purchase and Sale of Oil and Gas Properties by Cullen M. Godfrey

Location: KF1860.Z9 G63 1992

Overview of the legal work and documents needed for a lease or sale of real property for oil and gas industry development.

Oil and Gas Transactions by Noah S. Baer

Location: KF6289.A1 T35 no. 605-2nd

Part of the Bureau of National Affairs Tax Management Portfolios series, focusing on tax subjects such as acquisition of interest, cost recovery for exploration, operation, and depletion, as well as tax credits and tax issues arising from pooling and joint operation.

Alternative Dispute Resolution for Oil and Gas Practitioners by Jay G. Martin and Mark S. Anshan

Location: KF9085 .M37 2001

Covers a wide range of ADR topics relating to oil and gas, including domestic and international arbitration, mediation, drafting arbitration clauses, regulatory arbitration and selection of mediators and arbitrators. Contains forms.



Oil and Gas Title Examination by George J. Morgenthaler

Location: KF678 .M67 1982

This work serves as a practitioner guide to determining the validity of real property interests in oil and gas.

Protecting Oil and Gas Lien and Security Interests: Use of Memorandum of Operating Agreement and Financing Statement by Andrew B. Derman

Location: KF1535.P48 D47 1987

Specialized work focusing on the intersection of energy law and secured interests, with drafting advice and a discussion of priority of claims.

Basic Contracts and Checklists for Petroleum Marketing by Samuel L. Perkins

Location: KF1849 .P47 1994

Broad overview of the contracts used for marketing in the petroleum industry. Contains some sample forms and checklists.

IV. Industry and Other Non-legal Materials

Oil and Gas: A Practical Handbook ed. by Geoffrey Picton-Turbervill,

Location: K3915 .O55 2009

This work is a single volume guide to the commercial and legal principles involved in the oil and gas industries, beginning with the exploration phase and running through marketing, sales and delivery.

Materials on International Petroleum Transactions by Ernest E. Smith, Owen L. Anderson and John S. Lowe

Location: K3947.P47 M37 1993

Overview of the fundamental concepts and practices of the international petroleum industry, including ownership, extraction, sales, environmental protection and trade agreements.

VI. Electronic Resources and Databases

Law of Federal Oil and Gas Leases by Paul D. Holleman, updated by Phillip R. Clark

Location: Electronic Resources > [Matthew Bender Collection](#)

Online treatise dealing with the problems specific to federal oil and gas leases, including an overview of major legislation, leasing in Indian lands, leasing in Alaska, leasing on the continental shelf, royalties, bonds, requirements for how the surface area is to be maintained, and administrative law issues.

Oil and Gas Law by The Institute for Energy Law

Location: Electronic Resources > [Matthew Bender Collection](#)

Contains articles condensed from talks given at the Fifty-Ninth Annual Institute on Oil and Gas Law.

Lexis

In the section "Area of Law – By Topic," choose "View More Sources" and then "Energy and Natural Resources." In this section, Lexis maintains a number of databases relevant to



research on oil and gas law. These databases include federal and state energy cases, relevant sections of the United States code and state codes, administrative law resources, current awareness tools, news and forms. This section also includes the following treatises:

Williams & Meyers, Oil and Gas Law

Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, American Law of Mining 2d.

Muchow & Mogel, Energy Law and Transactions

Kuntz, Law of Oil and Gas

Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, Law of Federal Oil and Gas Leases

Westlaw

From the Westlaw Directory, select "Topical Practice Areas" and then "Energy." From here, a researcher has access to a number of databases relevant to research on oil and gas law. These databases include federal and state energy cases, relevant sections of the United States code and state codes, administrative law resources, current awareness tools and news. With respect to secondary materials, Westlaw's focus appears to be on periodicals rather than treatises or deskbooks.

VI. Web Resources

Energy Information Administration

<http://www.eia.doe.gov/>

This Department of Energy website gathers together federal information resources about energy, including statistics, Congressional testimony, reports and background information.

Offshore Energy and Minerals Management

<http://www.mms.gov/library/>

This website is maintained by the Mineral Management Service, a bureau of the Department of the Interior. The online library includes regulatory and scientific materials concerning offshore production of energy, as well as leasing information and Congressional testimony.

Oil and Gas Well Drilling, Servicing and Storage

<http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/oilgaswelldrilling/>

The Occupational Health and Safety Administration, an agency within the Department of Labor, has a webpage setting out safety information for businesses and workers in the oil and gas drilling industry.

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

<http://www.michigan.gov/deg>

Under "LAND>Gas, Oil & Minerals" a researcher will find regulatory and administrative materials for oil and gas well drilling and operation within the state of Michigan.

Michigan Oil and Gas Association

<http://www.michiganoilandgasassociation.org/>

The association represents oil and gas producers within the state of Michigan. Their website includes some free resources relating to oil and gas production in the state, including materials to aid in the regulatory compliance process.

