



Continuing Education Presents:

Understanding Mineral Rights
in Oklahoma

Speaker Bios



James Roller (Manager of Corporate Development and Government Relations) graduated high school down the road in Clinton. After attending Oklahoma State University, where he obtained a degree in Agricultural Education, he taught Agricultural Education in Fairview. After two years of teaching, James worked for the farm credit system prior to being hired by Chesapeake. Roller is the Manager of Corporate Development and Government Relations. His day-to-day activities include external and public

relations specifically related to Chesapeake's efforts to move America towards energy independence. Roller is one of Oklahoma's foremost experts on natural gas vehicles, and as part of Chesapeake's market development team, has been crucial to the development of Oklahoma's thriving natural gas infrastructure.



Steve Schmidt (Field Engineer) started his engineering career both at Chesapeake and in Weatherford in 2010. After graduating from the United States Military Academy in 2003, he served as a field artillery captain for the United States Army. Following his service, Schmidt began with Chesapeake as a field engineer. In his role as field engineer, Schmidt began on the production side, assisting with the design of emissions compliant facilities and helping

with the optimization of artificial lift systems, among other projects. He currently works with completions, specifically working to install down hole artificial lift systems. Schmidt is a native Texan, but enjoys living and working in western Oklahoma.





Commissioner Dana Murphy serves as Chair of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC). Born in Woodward, Oklahoma, Commissioner Murphy is a fifth-generation

Oklahoman deeply committed to her home state. After attending Central State University in Edmond, Oklahoma, where she received the Best All-Around Freshman Athlete award, she attended Oklahoma State University (OSU) and graduated in the top ten percent of her class with a bachelor's degree in geology. After practicing as a geologist for ten years, she obtained her law degree *cum laude* while working and attending night school at Oklahoma City University. On November 4, 2008, she was first elected to the statewide office of Oklahoma Corporation Commissioner for a partial two-year term. On July 27, 2010, she was re-elected to a full six-year term. On January 3, 2011, Commissioner Murphy became Chair of the Corporation Commission following election by her fellow Commissioners.

Commissioner Murphy's prior experience includes serving for almost six years as an administrative law judge at the Commission, where she was named co-employee of the year for 1997 and received the Commissioners' Public Servant Award in 2001. She has more than 22-years experience in the petroleum industry including owning and operating a private law firm focused on oil and gas title, regulatory practice and transactional work and working as a geologist.

Commissioner Murphy is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), where she serves on the Energy Resources and the Environment Committee. She is a member of the OSU Water Research Advisory Board, the Oklahoma Bar Association, American Association of Petroleum Geologists and Oklahoma City Geological Society. Commissioner Murphy is also a member of Energy Advocates and in March 2007 was recognized as an outstanding woman in energy. She previously

served as a trustee and is currently a care chaplain for the Church of the Servant United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City. She also serves as a member of the Salvation Army's Central Oklahoma Area Command Advisory Board and as the OCC representative on the Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System.

Prior to joining the Commission, she was a member of the board of directors of Farmers Royalty Company and is a member of the Edmond Chamber of Commerce. She is also a part-time personal fitness trainer. Commissioner Murphy lives in Edmond, Oklahoma, but continues to be actively involved with her family's farm and ranch in Ellis County, Oklahoma.

David D. Duncan, a resident of Thomas, Oklahoma, has been a licensed Oklahoma attorney since 1978. He is a 1974 graduate of Oklahoma State University and holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Mr. Duncan has served as an Assistant District Attorney in Tulsa County and Custer County and has been in the private practice of law based in the City of Weatherford since 1981. He has been admitted to practice in the State of Oklahoma and before the U.S. District Court of the Western District of Oklahoma. In addition to his private practice Mr. Duncan is also the City Attorney for the City of Weatherford. Mr. Duncan represents many area landowners with regard to real estate and oil and gas issues.

Mart Tisdal is a resident of Clinton, Oklahoma. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1970 and obtained a Juris Doctorate from the College of Law in 1976. He is currently the senior attorney in the Tisdal Law Firm based in Clinton, Oklahoma. Mr. Tisdal is admitted to the bar in the State of Oklahoma and also admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals 10th Circuit and the U.S. District Court, Northern and Western Districts of Oklahoma. Mr. Tisdal represents area land owners with regard to real estate and oil and gas issues. He has also been a frequent lecturer and presenter with regard to oil and gas issues in the State of Oklahoma

Seminar Schedule:

October 13, 2011

Oklahoma Unconventional Oil and Natural Gas Production: An American Energy Answer

Speakers: James Roller and Steve Schmidt, Chesapeake Energy Corporation

October 27, 2011

The Changing Dynamics of Oklahoma Energy and the Oklahoma Corporation Commission

Speaker: Dana Murphy, Oklahoma Corporation Commission Chair

November 10, 2011

Legal Aspects of Mineral Rights and Property Management

Speakers David Duncan and Mart Tisdal

All seminars are free and open to the public. They will be from 6-8 p.m. at the SWOSU Conference Center.