



SHORT COURSE ON

# Federal Offshore Oil & Gas Leasing and Development

A three-day intensive program exploring the legal regime governing the offshore oil & gas industry in the United States

**April 10-12, 2018**

Hotel Monteleone, New Orleans, LA

Please join us in New Orleans in April for this one-of-a-kind comprehensive course on the federal offshore leasing program. Updated since it was last offered in 2013, this program is a unique opportunity for lawyers, landmen, and regulators to hone their knowledge of the complex legal framework governing this vital part of the nation's energy industry.

This course focuses on the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, the Department of the Interior's regulation of the offshore oil and gas industry, and the primary agreements used in offshore oil and gas operations. The roles of other federal statutes and agencies will also be addressed. This course will be taught by practicing attorneys, Interior representatives, and others who are involved with offshore oil and gas operations on a daily basis. Topics include the jurisdictional battle over offshore oil and gas rights, Interior's offshore leasing program, lease maintenance, assignments of offshore leases, the substantive law of coastal states as "surrogate" federal law, decommissioning liability, bonding, inspections and enforcement, administrative appeals, and more.



Experienced attendees will benefit from deeper insights into cutting-edge topics, while resource professionals who are relatively new to the practice will benefit from the experience of our distinguished speakers. We hope you can join us in New Orleans to continue the tradition of valuable educational and networking opportunities provided by our Offshore short courses.

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## Preliminary Program (speakers to be announced)

### DAY 1: Tuesday, April 10, 2018

7:30 am - 8:45 am: Registration – Hotel Monteleone, New Orleans

8:45 am - 9:00 am: Introduction and Opening Remarks

9:00 am - 9:30 am: Keynote – Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement Initiatives and Priorities

9:30 am - 10:30 am: Setting the Legal Framework – The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, Continuing Issues of Federal/State Authority, and the Role of the Department of the Interior

10:30 am - 10:45 am: Hosted Refreshment Break

10:45 am - 11:30 am: Granting Offshore Federal Leases, Rights-of-Way, and Rights-of-Use and Easement

11:30 am - Noon: Exploration Plans and Development Plans

Noon - 1:30 pm: Lunch – On Your Own

1:30 pm - 2:00 pm: Lease Suspensions – Suspensions of Operations and Suspensions of Production

2:00 pm - 2:30 pm: Offshore Unitization

2:30 pm - 3:15 pm: Bonding/Financial Assurance

3:15 pm - 3:30 pm: Hosted Refreshment Break

3:30 pm - 4:15 pm: Seismic Permitting and Marine Mammal Protection

4:15 pm - 5:00 pm: Jones Act and Cabotage Restrictions in the OCS

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm: Hosted Reception for Registrants, Speakers & Guests

### DAY 2: Wednesday, April 11, 2018

8:30 am - 9:00 am: Keynote – Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Initiatives and Priorities

9:00 am - 10:00 am: Setting the Legal Framework – The Role of Other Statutes and Agencies

10:00 am - 10:15 am: Hosted Refreshment Break

10:15 am - 11:00 am: Bankruptcy Issues Offshore

11:00 am - Noon: Ethical Issues for Oil and Gas Lawyers and Landmen

Noon - 1:30 pm: Lunch – On Your Own

1:30 pm - 2:15 pm: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Adjudication Section Procedures: Qualification, Assignments and Transfers, and Designation of Operator

2:15 pm - 3:00 pm: Liability of Predecessors, Successors, and Assigns

3:00 pm - 3:15 pm: Hosted Refreshment Break

3:15 pm - 4:00 pm: Administrative and Judicial Appeals of BOEM, BSEE, and ONRR Orders

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Offshore Oil Spill Planning and Preparedness, Including Oil Spill Response Plans (OSRPs) and Oil Spill Financial Responsibility (OSFR)

### DAY 3: Thursday, April 12, 2018

8:00 am - 9:00 am: Setting the Legal Framework: Adjacent State Law as Surrogate Federal Law for the Outer Continental Shelf

9:00 am - 10:00 am: Incidents of Noncompliance, Civil Penalties, and Investigations

10:00 am - 10:15 am: Hosted Refreshment Break

10:15 am - 11:00 am: Panel Discussion – Joint Operating Agreements

11:00 am - 11:45 am: Production Handling Agreements

11:45 am - 1:15 pm: Lunch – On Your Own

1:15 pm - 2:15 pm: Drilling Contracts and Service Agreements

2:15 pm - 2:30 pm: Hosted Refreshment Break

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm: Current Offshore Leasing Litigation Topics

3:30 pm: Course Adjournment

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### 3. Materials Format

Select your course materials format:  **DOWNLOAD ONLY (\$0)** (Electronic materials only)  **HARD COPY (\$70)** (Receive manual at conference)

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## General Information

**Room Reservations:** The Hotel Monteleone, 214 Royal St., New Orleans, LA, 70117, has blocked rooms for this Short Course until March 19 at the discounted rate of \$195 per night. Ask for special rates for Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation registrants. Contact [info@rmmlf.org](mailto:info@rmmlf.org) for government room rates.

For reservations, contact the Hotel Monteleone at:

- Online <http://tinyurl.com/rockym127>
- Direct (504) 523-3341

Trouble making room reservations? Contact us at [info@rmmlf.org](mailto:info@rmmlf.org)

**Car Rental:** Hertz is offering special discounts by referencing Meeting CV#03NJ0013 and Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation. Make reservations at <http://tinyurl.com/hertz2018> or call 800-654-2240 (U.S.); 800-263-0600 (Canada); or 405-749-4434 (International).

**Registration Fees:** Include course materials, refreshments, and hosted functions as listed in this brochure. These fees do not include hotel costs or transportation. Registrations will be accepted only when accompanied by a check, money order, government purchase order or training form, credit card information, or wiring information. No registrations can be processed without payment.

**Registration Cancellations:** Refunds, less a \$50 administrative fee, will be given for cancellations received by 3:00pm on Friday, March 23, 2018. No refunds will be given thereafter, although substitution of attendees may be made by contacting the Foundation. Cancellations must be made in writing or email to [info@rmmlf.org](mailto:info@rmmlf.org). Registrants not entitled to a refund will receive a link to the written materials.

**CLE Credit:** This course consists of approximately 18 hours of continuing education, including 1 hour of ethics. You must let us know, at least 45 days in advance of the conference, the states or organizations for which you will need credit (see registration form). Credit hours for states will vary and are subject to each state's approval and credit rounding rules. Foundation conferences are typically accredited by all mandatory CLE states and Canadian provinces, AAPL, NADOA, NALTA, and other professional organizations. Attorneys from certain states may be required to pay an additional fee. The Foundation is a State Bar of California MCLE-approved provider.

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