

# PROGRAM

## 52nd Mineral Law Institute

**Thursday, March 31, 2005**

7:30-8:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:35-8:45 a.m. Opening Remarks

8:45-12:00 Morning Session --

**Program Moderator:**

**Arnold J. Johnson**

Chairman, Mineral Law Institute

Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, Noble Energy, Inc.

**The Joint Operating Agreement and Civil Code Article 1821**

..... R. Thomas Jorden, Jr.  
Perret Doise, A P.L.C., Lafayette, LA

**Five Things that Every Texas Energy Lawyer Should Know**

**About Louisiana Oil and Gas Law**..... Gordon T. Whitman  
Onebane Law Firm, Lafayette, LA

**Avenal and Oyster Lease Litigation: Implications for the Oil**

**and Gas Industry**..... Andrew C. Wilson  
Burke & Mayer, A P.L.C., New Orleans, LA

12:00-1:30 p.m. Lunch at the Faculty Club

1:30-4:50 p.m. Afternoon Session

**CBM Production - Technical and Ownership Issues**

..... Mark E. Robinson  
Blackstone Mineral Company, Houston, TX

**Legal Ethics**..... N. Gregory Smith

G. Frank and Winston Purvis Professor of Law, LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center

**Duty to Restore Surface**..... Robert L. Theriot

Liskow & Lewis, A P.L.C.

**4:50-7:00 p.m. Reception** ..... **Sponsored by Liskow & Lewis,**

**Friday, April 1, 2005**

7:30-8:30 a.m. Breakfast at the LSU Faculty Club

*Sponsored by* Gordon Arata McCollam Duplantis & Eagan, L.L.P.

8:00-8:30 a.m. Registration

8:30-12:00 Morning Session

**Program Moderator:** ..... **Harold J. Anderson, CPL/ESA**  
**President, American Association of Professional Landmen**  
**Harold J. Anderson, Inc.**

**Exploration Agreements**..... Thomas G. Smart  
Onebane Law Firm, Lafayette, LA

**The Spirit of Professionalism**..... Honorable Joe Giarrusso, Jr.  
Magistrate Commissioner, Div. 5  
Orleans Parish Criminal District Court  
McGlinchey Stafford, P.L.L.C. (Of Counsel), New Orleans, LA

**Seismic Agreements and Issues**..... Warren J. Ludlow  
Brigham Exploration Co., Austin, TX

12:00 a.m. -1:15 p.m. Lunch at the LSU Faculty Club

1:15 - 4:50 p.m. Afternoon Session

**Career Opportunities for Lawyers in the New Hydrogen Economy**  
..... Andrew Thomas  
Energy Policy Research Director  
Case Advanced Power Institute, Cleveland, OH

**The Mineral Code After Thirty Years** ..... Thomas A. Harrell  
Director, Mineral Law Institute  
Professor Emeritus, LSU Law Center

**Recent Jurisprudence** ..... Thane L. Huggs  
Blanchard, Walker, O'Quin & Roberts, A P.L.C., Shreveport, LA

**Legislation of Interest From the 2004 Regular Session** .. Jerry G. Jones  
Louisiana Senate, Baton Rouge, LA