

## SPRING LAND SEMINAR: POWERING THE FUTURE

### *Oilfields to Solar Fields: A Landman's Role in New Energies*

This presentation explores how the core skills of landmen seamlessly translate from oil and gas to renewable energy development. From prospecting, leasing, title, and curative work to managing rights-of-way, interconnection, and subsurface risk, the session shows that while energy technologies are evolving, land risk remains fundamentally the same. Attendees will learn how different renewable energy project types like solar, wind, and storage shape land strategy, what consistently breaks deals across all energy sectors, and why landmen remain essential in turning complex land positions into buildable and marketable projects.



**Alicia Rose, Director of Title Services**

#### **Inked Land Company**



Alicia Rose is the Director of Title Services at Inked Land Company and brings nearly two decades of experience in title examination and land services. A third-generation landman born in North Dakota, Alicia relocated to Colorado with her family in the 1980's, where she continues to reside and build her career.

In 2006, she began running mineral and leasehold title in the field and later graduated with distinction from the University of Colorado Denver with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a minor in Business Administration. By 2010, Alicia advanced into an in-house Project Manager role at Baseline Minerals LLC, where she managed large-scale lease plays across Colorado and Wyoming, ultimately earning promotion to Vice President of Land.

In 2014, Alicia co-founded Aspired Energy Inc. alongside her brother, Austin Rose. Headquartered in downtown Denver, Aspired Energy operated as a full-service land company providing mineral title examination, leasing, due diligence, and project management services to clients in the oil & gas, renewable energy, financial, and real estate sectors.

In 2024, Alicia pivoted her focus to renewable energy development, assuming the role of Director of Title Services at Inked Land Company. In this capacity, she leads teams of title professionals supporting utility-scale renewable energy projects nationwide, with a focus on delivering marketable title, mitigating mineral and surface ownership risks, and facilitating timely title insurance policy closings for developers.

Outside of her professional career, Alicia is a graduate of the Leadership Aurora program and remains actively engaged in community service. She loves to box, bike, golf, ski, and hike with her Australian Shepherd, Lincoln.



**Lance Fondren, Founder and CEO**

#### **Inked Land Company**



Lance Fondren is the Founder and CEO of Inked, where he leads teams delivering complex land and right-of-way solutions across the energy and infrastructure sector. He brings deep experience guiding industrial-scale projects spanning upstream and midstream oil and gas, renewable energy, minerals and royalties, water infrastructure, and IT infrastructure.

Prior to founding Inked, Lance served as Right-of-Way and Land Manager at XTR Midstream, LLC, where he led land development for a multi-phase greenfield midstream system in the DJ Basin. Earlier in his career, he worked at Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, where he supported greenfield development and acquisition strategies for midstream assets across the Rocky Mountain region.

Lance holds a Bachelor of Science in Economics from the University of Wyoming, graduating magna cum laude, and an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.



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### *New Power, Same Playbook: Land Skills in the Data Center Boom*



**Vincent Whisker, Director, Commercial - Energy**

**Crusoe**



Vincent Whisker leads commercial development at Crusoe in Denver, Colorado, where he drives strategic initiatives across infrastructure and AI data center development. He has architected transformative partnerships including a landmark 1.4 GW AI data center campus in Wyoming—scalable to 10 GW—representing over \$20 billion in infrastructure investment. With a background spanning upstream oil and gas development, energy marketing, and midstream operations, Vincent combines technical expertise with strategic acumen honed through his MBA in Strategic Management from Regis University and BS in Engineering from Colorado School of Mines.

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### *Federal Solar Siting: The Landman's Toolbox*

This talk will cover the entirety of a federal siting scheme for large scale solar. Many of the concepts easily translate into fee projects, but this presentation will give care to federal programs, lease/ROW documents, and insider tips that make renewables work become illuminated. Topics will include:

Solar Enterprise Zones (“SEZ”)

Working the Process with Local BLM

Transmission Considerations

BLM “lease”/License/ROW

Political Considerations

The daunting SF-299: smart tips for successful submission



**Micael Jewell, Partner**

#### **Jewell Jimmerson Natural Resources Law**

Michael T. Jewell is a partner at Jewell Jimmerson Natural Resources Law where he focuses his practice on serving independent exploration and production clients in Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming.

Michael's key practice centers on all things regulatory, including spacing, pooling, protests, rule-making, and land use rights. Much of his work involves federal, state, and tribal lands. Michael frequently advises as outside general counsel for several oil & gas companies based in Houston and Denver. He also served as Chair of the Natural Resources and Energy Law Section of the

Colorado Bar Association.

In addition to his practice in natural resources law, Michael holds the position of Assistant Clinical Professor at the Colorado School of Public Health - Anschutz Medical Campus, where he teaches courses in public health law and mental health systems and policy. He also presents on topics pertaining to extraction and epidemiology to national and international audiences.

Michael enjoys all things Alfa Romeo, as well as extending his collections of guitars, scotch, and philosophy books.

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### *Data Centers and the Renewable Energy Land Rush: What Landmen Need to Know*

The explosive growth of AI-driven computing and cloud infrastructure has created an unprecedented demand for power – demand that is fundamentally reshaping the relationship between data centers, renewable energy development, and the land professionals who make both possible. For landmen, this convergence represents one of the most significant opportunities (and challenges) in a generation: securing sites, negotiating easements, resolving title issues, and managing stakeholder relationships across massive renewable energy projects built specifically to power the next wave of data infrastructure.

In this CLE, we will cover:

- Why data centers need massive amounts of power and why renewables are central to that strategy
- How interconnection delays and grid constraints are driving co-located power strategies
- The land acquisition and title challenges unique to renewable projects serving data centers
- Water rights complexities in the West
- Practical takeaways for landmen working in this space



**Maria Oxman, Partner**

**Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP**



Maria Oxman is a partner in the Real Estate Group at Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP. She focuses her practice on real estate law and has broad experience representing investors, developers, and large companies throughout the U.S. in a variety of real estate matters, including large scale renewable energy projects, leasing, acquisition, dispositions, and hospitality. Maria's expertise also involves assisting clients with the acquisition and management of real estate in connection with complex mergers and acquisitions.

In connection with her leasing practice, Maria has extensive experience representing both landlords and tenants in the negotiation of industrial, office and retail leases. In addition, she regularly completes trainings for large companies to help them standardize their leasing practices.

In connection with her renewable energy practice, Maria has represented clients developing major wind and solar projects, and helps them navigate title issues, access, easements, leases, and acquisitions and dispositions.

Maria is a contributing author to the *Colorado Real Estate Practice*, one of CBA-CLE's most respected and widely used publications and is also an instructor for the related 13-week CLE course.

Maria holds two law degrees and is admitted to practice law in Colorado and Guatemala. While earning her J.D. at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, she interned at the Colorado Supreme Court.

In 2025, she was named among the *Denver Business Journal's* 40 Under 40 Class. Since 2021, Maria has been named among the "Ones to Watch" in the area of Real Estate Law by *Best Lawyers*, an annual guide by publisher Woodward/White Inc. In recognition of her achievements and potential, she has also been included as one of Colorado's "Up and Coming Lawyers" for 2019 by *Law Week Colorado*. In 2026, she was named a Top Lawyer by *5280*.

In her free time, Maria enjoys traveling and eating with her husband and two children. She also enjoys cooking, running, and biking, and skiing and hiking in Grand County, CO.



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**RJ Colwell, Senior Associate**  
**Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP**



RJ Colwell is a senior associate at Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP in the Energy & Mining Group. His practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, private equity investments, and joint ventures, primarily involving assets and entities in the energy and natural resources industries. His practice includes drafting and negotiating operational and commercial agreements on behalf of his clients. RJ also advises clients on regulatory compliance issues and matters involving or before federal and state energy regulatory authorities, including FERC, DOE, the Texas Railroad Commission, and the Colorado Public Utilities Commission.

RJ represents both domestic and international companies, as well as private equity funds and their portfolio companies. His experience includes crude oil, natural gas, natural gas liquids, biomethane, hydrogen, produced and recycled water, CO<sub>2</sub>, and conventional and renewable power commodities and assets; related processing, treatment, generation, transmission, storage, and CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration assets and entities; LNG and natural gas import/export facilities; and related energy markets (including carbon credits, hydrogen credits, and environmental attributes).

Prior to joining Davis Graham, RJ practiced oil and gas law in Houston for six years and previously served as global co-chair of White & Case's midstream practice group.

RJ began his legal career as an honors attorney and then as an attorney-advisor at the U.S. Department of Energy in Washington, DC. As an Attorney-Advisor, he advised DOE senior leadership on transactional, operational, regulatory, and policy issues and matters involving the regulation of natural gas and LNG imports and exports, the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, CCUS, energy security, and other programs involving coal, petroleum, and natural gas. He also represented DOE's national laboratories and national security sites in electric and natural gas proceedings and in matters involving state public utility commissions. As an honors attorney, RJ received the Secretary's Achievement Award for his work on enforcing energy efficiency standards. RJ also interned at DOE's National Renewable Energy Laboratory during law school.

Before attending law school at the University of Denver, RJ served as a field artillery officer in the U.S. Army, attaining the rank of Captain in three years. During his military service, RJ deployed to Iraq and received several prestigious decorations, including the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Combat Action Badge.

RJ is actively involved in a number of veterans organizations and initiatives, including Impact A Hero, the PTSD Foundation of America's Camp Hope, and the Veteran Leadership Development Group.



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### *Overview of Hydrogen Economy*

Hydrogen can be produced through multiple pathways - traditional carbon intensive "gray" hydrogen, with carbon capture "blue hydrogen", or through renewable powered water electrolysis "green hydrogen" in addition to several other less common pathways. This session will review the uses of hydrogen, differences in production, and current opportunities for growth in this market.



#### **Shannon McAvoy, Technical Manager**

#### **Johnson Matthey**

*Shannon McAvoy is currently the Technical Manager for Johnson Matthey and is responsible for the Americas team that generates technical evaluations for various plants (e.g. gas processing, hydrogen production, etc.), customer engagement, and onsite services. This includes KPI reporting, data analysis/reconciliation, and economic value.*

*Before joining Johnson Matthey, Shannon served the downstream market in a variety of roles including technical leadership, sales management, and process engineering across catalyst, sealing solutions, and technical cleaning services.*

*Shannon holds a bachelor's degree in chemical and biochemical engineering from the Colorado School of Mines.*

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### *The Shifting Geopolitics of Energy and Power*



**John Harpole, Founder & President**

**Mercator Energy LLC**



John is founder and president of Mercator Energy LLC, a natural gas services, brokerage and energy market analysis company. Mercator assists both producers and end users throughout the United States in selling and sourcing natural gas supplies. Mercator manages more than 1.2 BCF per day of natural gas in seven states. Mercator also conducts specific research projects for client groups exploring the impact of industry trends on various regional markets. Mercator's analysis on "Poverty and Fracking" was featured in a Wall Street Journal editorial and on Fox News.

During his career, Harpole has provided strategic advice and counseling to independent oil and gas producers, power producers, major gas and electric utilities, hedge funds and energy traders, retail and wholesale energy marketers, equipment vendors and large energy users typically at the CEO level. Harpole has travelled to China on two occasions to instruct employees of PetroChina and members of the Central Parties Pricing Committee on the regulatory and marketing history of natural gas in the United States.

Harpole is a Board Member of the Council for a Secure America, the Colorado Oil and Gas Association, the Leadership Program of the Rockies, the Global Institute of Church Management Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome, Italy and the Unreported Story Society. John currently serves on the Board of Directors of Benedictine College. John is a former 15-year Board Member of Energy Outreach Colorado.



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### *Water Rights: Then and Now*



**Devon Bell, Senior Associate**

**Beatty & Wozniak**



Devon Bell is a seasoned attorney representing energy clients in a full range of oil and gas and natural resource development disputes. He regularly appears before state and federal courts, as well as regulatory bodies at all levels of government. Devon also has experience in environmental law, including the Clean Water Act.

Before joining Beatty & Wozniak's team, he gained a broad range of litigation experience at various well-regarded defense firms in Denver. He handled civil, tort, construction defect, and workers' compensation cases for clients, gaining critical courtroom experience, including jury selection, hearings, and trials.

Devon brings a results-oriented mindset to every matter. Whether resolving complex litigation, guiding clients through administrative hearings, or defending high-stakes claims, Devon takes a thoughtful approach to litigation. With experience spanning multiple states and jurisdictions, he understands how to navigate courtroom challenges and deliver practical, efficient outcomes.

A Colorado native and avid outdoorsman, Devon enjoys mountain biking, skiing, rock climbing, and fly fishing. You can usually find him at a local brewery with his wife and two golden retrievers, Waffle and Palacsinta. He is also conversant in Spanish and Hungarian and is a former reserve player for a semi-professional indoor soccer team.



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### *From Petroleum to Heat: How the Oilfield Expertise is Powering the Geothermal Revolution*

What if the skills that built the oil and gas industry could lead the clean energy transition? Gradient Geothermal is doing exactly that — using proven oilfield expertise to tap geothermal heat for power and cooling. Founded and ran by petroleum engineers and geologists, Gradient is developing projects across the U.S. and abroad by co-producing geothermal energy from existing and new wells. This talk will cover how geothermal systems work, how leasing and permitting differ from oil and gas, and where land professionals can play a pivotal role in geothermal development. Join us to learn who’s leading in this fast-growing sector — and how your experience can be part of the next energy wave.



**Johanna Ostrum, COO & Co-Founder**  
**Gradient Geothermal, Inc.**



Johanna Ostrum is COO and co-founder of Gradient Geothermal, Inc., a Denver-based geothermal technology company. Johanna has nearly two decades of experience within the energy industry in a wide variety of engineering, regulatory, policy, and management positions. With a BS in Geological Engineering from Montana Tech, Johanna has brought an intradisciplinary and collaborative approach to every position she has held. With various roles at Noble Energy, SM Energy, Extraction Oil & Gas, and Clean Air Task Force, Johanna has contributed to every part of the energy development value chain. Johanna is a current board member at the Colorado Cleantech Industries Association and is a past board member at Geothermal Rising. She is also a basketball mom most evenings and weekends.

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