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36TH ANNUAL TEXAS ENERGY COUNCIL SYMPOSIUM
Tomorrow's Energy
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AGENDA

- 12:30 PM **REGISTRATION BEGINS**
- 1:00 PM **WELCOME TO THE 1st ANNUAL FALL SYMPOSIUM**
Presenters: **Buffie Campbell** – *President, TEC*
 Pamela Sewak – *Chairman, 1st TEC Fall Symposium*
MC for the Day - Mark LaCour – *Editor in Chief, Oil and Gas Global Network*
- 1:10 PM **CHALLENGES OF CCUS PROJECT DELIVERY**
Speaker: **Kevin Bourgeois** – *Executive VP and Co-Founder, Avantex Energy Group*
- 2:00 PM **ENERGY ON TRIAL – WEATHERING THE STORM of CLIMATE LITIGATION**
Speaker: **Lauren W. Varnado** – *Oil and Gas Litigator, Brown & Rudnick, LLP*
- 2:50 PM **Networking Break**
- 3:00 PM **TAX CREDITS for GREEN ENERGY**
Speaker: **Sean Muller** – *Partner-in-Charge, Specialty Tax Services, Weaver*
- 3:50 PM **NUCLEAR UPDATE**
Speaker: **Rafael A. Hernandez** – *VP of Business Development, Last Energy*
- 4:40 PM **CLOSING and ADJOURN FOR PODCAST and NETWORKING RECEPTION**
- 4:55 PM **THE OIL AND GAS GLOBAL NETWORK LIVE PODCAST**
Speaker: **Mark LaCour** – *Editor in Chief, Oil and Gas Global Network*
 Paige Wilson – *Managing Director, Oil and Gas Global Network*

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Speaker: Kevin Bourgeois – *Executive VP and Co-Founder, Avantex Energy Group*

Topic: **CHALLENGES OF CCUS PROJECT DELIVERY**

Kevin will take us for a walk through the challenges that come up in all phases of a CCU project, from the technical challenges to the political ones and potential solutions for everything along the way.

Bio: Energy executive experienced in all major phases of project and organization programs including front end design, joint venture concept and development, field development planning, field optimization, detailed engineering, fabrication, installation, commissioning, start-up, operations, brownfield upgrades, production extension, pipelines and abandonment. Former CEO of offshore engineering contractor, Braemar Casbarian, he is also subject matter expert at carbon capture and sequestration, brownfield project development and execution and asset integrity upgrade programs. A consummate leader proficient at production improvement initiatives and development of project and operations enhancement programs. Recently Co-Founder COO/Vice President of Operations for Lapis Energy, an independent CCUS project developer. As general manager of the West Delta Deep project development in Cairo, Egypt, Mr. Bourgeois led a joint venture development between BG Group, Edison Gas and Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation. In Trinidad, he was instrumental in leading a multi-project upgrade program to BG Group's assets including Chevron as the JV partner. During his tenure with Kosmos Energy, one of his assignments was as an advisor to the Kosmos/Anadarko/Tulow joint venture regarding the Jubilee FPSO operation.

Speaker: Lauren W. Varnado – *Oil and Gas Litigator, Brown & Rudnick, LLP*

Topic: **ENERGY ON TRIAL – WEATHERING THE STORM of CLIMATE LITIGATION**

Discussion of current trends in climate lawsuits against US energy producers and steps to mitigate climate related litigation risks to the oil and gas industry.

Bio: Trial lawyer representing oil, gas, and energy clients in high-stakes “bet the company” upstream and midstream litigation, including contract cases, fraud and tort actions, and lawsuits alleging breach of upstream/midstream agreements, theft of trade secrets, environmental contamination, international and domestic arbitrations between energy producers, class action royalty lawsuits, climate change lawsuits, and winter storm litigation.

Routinely advise energy companies about rights and obligations under upstream, midstream, power, and LNG contracts, litigation avoidance and risk mitigation, climate disclosures, joint development operations, and investments in renewable and alternate energy.

Speaker: Sean Muller – *Partner-in-Charge, Specialty Tax Services, Weaver*

Topic: **TAX CREDITS for GREEN ENERGY**

This talk will explain what tax credits are available for green energy currently and how to utilize them.

Bio: **Sean Muller, CPA**, has almost 30 years of experience providing tax and consulting services for publicly traded corporations and private entities. As the firm's Specialty Tax Services Leader, Sean is responsible for the overall growth, service quality and infrastructure for the firm's specialty tax practices, including state and local tax, international tax, credits and incentives, and transaction tax. With experience serving a variety of industries including [energy](#), [real estate](#), private equity, engineering services, industrial services and distributors, Sean brings diverse and expansive knowledge to his clients. Sean is an active local member of [American Institute of Certified Public Accountants](#) and [Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants](#). He earned both a Master of Science and a Bachelor of Science in accounting from The University of Texas at Austin.

Speaker: **Rafael A. Hernandez** – *VP of Business Development, Last Energy*

Topic: **NUCLEAR UPDATE**

Discussion of current trends in nuclear technology and the challenges behind building nuclear into our power grids..

Rafael's Bio: Rafael Hernandez is a seasoned executive with over 25 years of leadership in the energy generation and transmission sectors. Throughout his career, he has spearheaded the development and acquisition of more than 3.5 gigawatts of energy infrastructure and has led the structuring and financing of over \$4 billion in third-party capital. Rafael recently joined Last Energy, where he leads Business Development and Power Origination, driving the company's commercial growth and market expansion. Based in Houston, Texas, he brings a deep understanding of energy markets, project finance, and stakeholder engagement to accelerate the deployment of innovative energy solutions.

Speaker: **Mark LaCour** – *Editor in Chief, Oil and Gas Global Network*
Paige Wilson – *Managing Director, Oil and Gas Global Network*

Topic: **THE OIL AND GAS GLOBAL NETWORK LIVE PODCAST**

Mark's Bio: Mark has lived and worked in the Oil and Gas industry for over 25 years. Later he started his own market research company and has a well-earned reputation as an industry "insider" and independent 3rd party researcher. This led to him becoming a part of the new media, where he has the top Oil and Gas podcasts in the world. He is a sought after public speaker, author, sits on several oil & gas boards and has one of the top oil & gas presences in social media.

Paige's Bio: As the first female oil and gas podcaster, Paige Wilson Co-Founded the Oil and Gas Global Network (OGGN) with Mark LaCour. As the fourth generation to continue in the Oil and Gas Industry, Wilson has worked for numerous Operators specializing in both Onshore and Offshore Regulatory Compliance. With OGGN, Wilson currently serves as Training Director, hosts the Oil and Gas Industry Leaders and Co-Hosts the Oil and Gas This Week podcasts. When she's not on the microphone or training people, she likes to build Lego sets and online gaming with her friends.

THE TEXAS ENERGY COUNCIL

The Texas Energy Council (TEC) is a nonprofit, non-partisan organization of professional and educational societies dedicated to serving the energy industry in Texas. The TEC was originally founded in 1988 as the Dallas Energy Council, changed to the North Texas Energy Council in 1996, and finally became the Texas Energy Council in 2007. The membership is comprised of over 5,000 members from various organizations. The Council is headquartered in Dallas, Texas. TEC provides a forum for all energy-related professional societies and educational institutions to communicate issues and transfer technology among its members and the general public. Two elected officers from each organization make up the Board of Directors of the TEC.

Our objective is to advance the common interests of the members of professional societies and educational institutions serving the energy industry in Texas to achieve economies, to protect and educate the public, and to promote communication. The Council maintains a central coordinating body to provide a forum for association and communication for representatives of the several Constituent Organizations of those energy related professions.

President: **Buffie Campbell**

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Dallas Association of Petroleum Landmen
Dallas Geological Society
Dallas Geophysical Society
Dalworth Association of Division Order Analysts
Desk & Derrick Club of Dallas
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Energy Law Section of the Dallas Bar Association
Energy Law Section of the Tarrant County Bar Association
Energy Workforce & Technology Council
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Greater East Texas ADAM
The Nancy & Jake L. Hamon Oil & Gas Resource Center at the Dallas Public Library
Houston Association of Professional Landmen
Institute for the Study of Earth & Man at SMU
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Lone Star Desk & Derrick Club of Dallas
National Association of Royalty Owners – Texas
North Texas Gas Processors Association
Panhandle Producers & Royalty Association
Permian Basin Gas Processors Association
Permian Basin Landmen's Association
Petroleum Engineers Club of Dallas
Petroleum Museum
Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists
Society of Petroleum Engineers – Dallas Section
Society of Petroleum Engineers – Fort Worth Section
Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers – Dallas Chapter
Society of Petroleum Well Log Analysts- Dallas Chapter
South Texas Geological Society
Texas Alliance of Energy Producers
Texas Independent Producers & Royalty Owners Association
Women's Energy Network-North Texas
Young Professionals in Energy-Dallas