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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Insight Energy Law
Principal & Founder
Current

Insight Energy Law is a private legal practice focused on oil and gas law, regulation, and policy matters nationally and internationally.

Adamantine Energy
Strategic Advisor & Legal Counsel
March 2018-June 2020

Adamantine Energy is an energy policy consultancy that helps companies navigate the rapidly evolving challenges around energy development and forge inclusive, lasting solutions to those challenges.

Director, Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
August 2012-March 2018

Counsel to Oil and Gas Commission
July 2009-June 2011

Mr. Lepore was named Director of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission in August 2012 and led the Commission through one of the most dynamic and contentious periods of oil and gas development in the state's history. Mr. Lepore resigned from the COGCC in March 2018. As Director, Mr. Lepore:

- ❖ Led a management team of seven and a staff of 110.
- ❖ Oversaw an annual operating budget of approximately \$16.4 million.
- ❖ Spoke frequently on oil and gas legal, policy, and regulatory issues across Colorado and in neighboring oil and gas-producing states, and guest lectured at the University of Denver, Sturm College of Law and other university programs such as the Global Energy Management (GEM) Program at the University of Colorado Denver Business School, and the University of Colorado, Boulder.
- ❖ Was a member of U.S. Department of State Unconventional Gas Technical Engagement Program international delegations to Argentina, Chile, and Indonesia to confer with federal, state, and local regulators, industry, and NGOs, regarding regulatory and social issues related to unconventional oil and gas development.

- ❖ Represented the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission on regulatory and technical issues during Governor's Task Force on State and Local Regulation of Oil and Gas Operations in 2014-15.
- ❖ Worked closely with the Governor's office and the Department of Natural Resources on legislative, policy, and legal matters.
- ❖ Routinely testified before the Colorado General Assembly's Joint Budget and Joint Agricultural Committees and confers with legislators on behalf of the executive branch regarding proposed or pending legislation.

Mr. Lepore was counsel to the Commission while serving as a Colorado Assistant Attorney General from 2009-2011. As counsel he represented the Commission in all litigation matters before the state trial and appellate courts; assisted the Commission in administrative enforcement matters; and counseled the Commission concerning interpretation and application of the Oil and Gas Conservation Act and the Commission's implementing regulations.

Private Law Practice

Licensed: Colorado since 1993

Holme Roberts & Owen, LLP (now Bryan Cave, LLP)
 Denver, Colorado
 Partner 2000-2009; Associate 1993-1999

Prior to his tenure with the Attorney General's office, Mr. Lepore was a partner in a large Denver-based regional private law practice, where he specialized in class action and multi-party personal injury, wrongful death, and property damage claims arising from environmental contamination. His clients included Fortune 100 aerospace, transportation, and mining companies; alternative energy developers, lenders, and private investment companies; and small businesses and individuals in Colorado, California, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, and Texas. His experience includes:

- ❖ Regulatory enforcement proceedings under CERCLA, RCRA, NEPA, state oil and gas, storage tank, and asbestos abatement regulations.
- ❖ Successful defense of class action and multi-party property damage and personal injury claims arising from environmental impacts to surface water and groundwater (solvents, metals, BTEX, nitrates, perchlorate), soil (petroleum hydrocarbons, metals, PCBs), and indoor and ambient air (radiation, asbestos, lead paint, mold).
- ❖ Compliance counseling, liability assessment, and due diligence for utility-scale wind power projects, natural gas production operations, and uranium mining and exploration projects.
- ❖ Representing potentially responsible parties at Superfund sites including landfills, dry cleaners, used oil recycling facilities, and major chemical spill sites.

Beatty & Wozniak, LLP
 Denver, Colorado
 Partner, 2011-2012

Immediately prior to becoming COGCC Director, Mr. Lepore was a partner at Beatty & Wozniak, LLP, a boutique oil and gas law firm. His practice concentrated on regulatory matters, including

administrative hearings, in front of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, and state and federal district court litigation matters for oil and gas company clients.

EDUCATION

1993 - J.D., Stanford University

1987 - B.A., *summa cum laude*, University of Colorado, Boulder

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission – Official Colorado Representative, 2013 to present.
 - Steering Committee, Second Vice Chair, October 2016-September 2018
 - Team Leader, Peer Assessment for Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, Fall 2016-17.
 - Chairman, Legal & Regulatory Affairs Committee, October 2014-Oct. 2016
- Chairman, Colorado Bar Association Environmental Law Section, 2011-2012
- Vice Chair, American Bar Association Tort and Insurance Practice Section, Toxic Tort and Environmental Law Committee, 2004-2009
- Associate editor, *The Stanford University Law Review*

SELECT RECENT SPEECHES AND PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Lepore has extensive public speaking experience, including keynote presentations, law school and college guest lectures, an array of energy policy, regulatory, and environmental forums, and international oil and gas development forums sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy and Department of State. Select engagements include:

- International Energy Agency
 - Network of Methane Policy and Regulatory Experts, Paris, France. January 2020
- Columbia Center on Global Energy Policy / University of Texas at Austin Energy Institute
 - Natural Gas Flaring Workshop, Austin, TX. January, 2020
- U.S. Department of Commerce Commercial Law Development Program
 - “Workshop on Stakeholder Mapping and Community Engagement for Unconventional Oil and Gas Development.” Bogota, Columbia June 26-27, 2018
- U.S. Department of State Unconventional Gas Technical Engagement Program.
 - “Argentina Workshop on the Sustainable Development of Unconventional Hydrocarbon Resources.” Buenos Aires and Nequen Province, Argentina. June 27-July 1, 2016.
 - “Regulating Unconventional Oil and Gas Development – A State Government Perspective.” Santiago and Patagonia, Chile. December 2014
 - “U.S. Federal and State Regulatory Perspectives: Pursuing a Working Regulatory Model for Shale Gas.” Jakarta, Indonesia. May 2013.
- Society of Petroleum Engineers: Environmental Stewardship in Unconventional Resource Development: Keynote Speaker. Austin, Texas. November 7, 2018.

- Health Effects Institute: Research Planning Workshop. September 11-12, 2018. Austin, TX.
- The Aspen Institute Energy & Environment Program, Series on Energy Governance:
 - Dialogue on Energy Governance Working Group Meetings: August 12-14, 2018 (Co-Chair,); May 15-18, 2018.
 - Governance of Unconventional Oil and Gas Development. February 25-27, 2017; October 21-23, 2016.
 - Modern Shale Gas and Oil Production Forum. Aspen, CO. June 4-7, 2016; June 6-8, 2015; July 20-22, 2014.
- American Petroleum Institute National Meeting: Luncheon Keynote Speaker. Denver, CO. May 19, 2016
- Kate Bailey Hutchison Center for Energy, Law, & Business: UT Energy Week 2016. “Regulatory Responses to Fracking.” Austin, TX. February 17, 2016.
- Oklahoma Governor’s Energy Conference 2015: “Regional Realities: The Current Landscape.” Oklahoma City, OK. November 10, 2015.
- Colorado State University Center for the New Energy Economy, 2015 Natural Gas Symposium: “Solving the Stat vs. Local Control Puzzle.” Fort Collins, CO. October 28, 2015
- Colorado Environmental Managers Society 2015 Fall Conference: Luncheon Keynote Speaker. Denver, CO. October 13, 2015.
- 60th Annual Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute: Panelist, “Varying Perspectives on Local Oil and Gas Regulation.” Vail, CO. July 2014.
- Secretary of Energy Advisory Board: FracFocus 2.0 Task Force. Washington, D.C. January 6, 2014.
- U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy: Testimony re: “The Role of the States in Protecting the Environment under Current Law.” Washington, DC. February 2013.

PUBLICATIONS

- “Fundamentals of Drilling and Spacing Units and Statutory Pooling,” *Mineral Title Examination*, Paper No. 17 (Rocky Mt. Min. L. Fdn. 2012) (Co-author with Michael Wozniak).
- “Legislating Carbon Sequestration: Pore Space Ownership and other Policy Considerations,” *The Colorado Lawyer*, October 2011. (Co-author with Derek L. Turner).
- “Nanotechnology and Human Health: We Don’t Know Nano,” *American Bar Association Toxic Tort and Environmental Law Committee Newsletter*, Spring 2008.

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Available upon request

INTERESTS

Mr. Lepore is an avid recreational cyclist and passionate skier.