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Welcome to the Second Edition of the University of Oklahoma's Oil and Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Journal (ONE-J). In this issue, we are pleased to publish papers by Professor Don Smith, Professor Jessica Richards, Professor Chris Kulander, and Brett Thomas.

Don Smith is the Director of the Environmental and Natural Resources Law and Graduate Programs at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. Professor Smith formerly worked as a water policy advisor for Kansas Governor John W. Carlin. After leaving Governor Carlin's office, he served as the governor's appointee to the Kansas Water Commission.

Professor Jessica Richards is a lecturer at Western State Colorado University. Prior to joining Western State Colorado University, she served as a Land Administration Supervisor at Jonah Energy.

Professor Smith and Professor Richards have co-authored an article addressing the social license to operate, specifically in the shale context.

Professor Kulander is the Director of the South Texas College of Law Oil & Gas Law Institute. He also serves as Of Counsel for Haynes and Boone LLP. Professor Kulander's article is the second of a two-part article discussing the practical application of case law to the drafting and interpretation of joint operating agreements. The first half of Professor Kulander's article was featured in our inaugural issue.

Brett Thomas is a 2015 graduate of the University of Oklahoma College of Law and will be taking the July Bar examination. Brett's article is the first student article to be published in ONE-J. Brett's article discusses the problems associated with listing the American Burying Beetle as an endangered species in Oklahoma—in particular its impact on the oil and gas industry.

We would like to thank the authors of these articles for submitting them to ONE-J. The editorial board has worked diligently to create this publication to further the study of natural resources law. We trust that you will find the contents of this issue to be both useful and informative. Please help us publicize this new journal by sharing the ONE-J website link with others. As always, the editorial staff welcomes your submissions and comments.

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