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Welcome to the second issue of Volume 2 of the University of Oklahoma's *Oil and Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Journal* ("ONE J"). This issue features a three-chapter excerpt from the brand new book written by Bernard F. Clark, Jr. titled *Oil Capital: The History of American Oil, Wildcatters, Independents and Their Bankers*.

Oil Capital details the history of oil and gas producers in America and the oil and gas bankers that financed their operations. *Oil Capital* is available online at Amazon.com.

Mr. Clark lives in Houston, Texas and is a partner at the national law firm Haynes and Boone LLP where he chairs the firm's energy practice.

Additionally, we are pleased to publish a paper written by Daniel Franklin, titled *Voter Beware*.

Voter Beware explores eleven oil and gas ballot initiatives proposed in Colorado in January 2016. The ballot initiatives provide for local regulation of oil and gas activity, an increase of mandatory statewide setbacks, and an outright ban on fracking. Mr. Franklin warns of the potential takings liability the state would face if the ballot initiatives were to pass and ultimately argues that the ballot initiatives are fiscally irresponsible.

Mr. Franklin works as a Landman for Anadarko Petroleum in Denver, Colorado.

Finally, this issue includes summaries of recent cases from around the country that are relevant to the energy industry.

ONE J graciously thanks Mr. Clark and Mr. Franklin for allowing ONE J to publish their materials. The editorial board has worked diligently to make this issue a success and we are proud to produce the July edition of ONE J. A special thanks is owed to our very own Editorial Advisor, Michael F. Waters for his tireless efforts in overcoming the technical challenges associated with publishing this edition.

We welcome your submissions for peer review, as well as your suggestions on topics for future issues. Please help us publicize ONE J by sharing the ONE J website link with others.

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