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The *Oil and Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Journal* (ONE J) is proud to present the fifth issue of volume 4. In this issue, you will find two papers from several leading scholars and practitioners. Of course, as always, you will also find summaries of recent cases relevant to the Oil and Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy sectors.

The first paper in this issue is authored by Matt Allen, who currently practices law in Oklahoma. Mr. Allen’s paper, *Curative Pooling When the Validity of an Oil and Gas Lease is Challenged (Force Pooling the Top Lessee)*, follows up on his presentation at the 2018 Eugene Kuntz Conference on Natural Resources Law and Policy. More specifically, the paper discusses the apparent benefits of pooling top lessees as curative parties.

The second paper in this issue is an article written by Eduardo Pereira, Christopher Matthews, and Heike Trischmann. These authors are internationally recognized scholars and practitioners in Oil & Gas and Energy Law. In their paper, *Local Content Policies in the Petroleum Industry: Lessons Learned*, the authors explore and analyze policies from countries like Brazil, Nigeria, Norway, and the UK which are intended to aid development in the petroleum industry.

Thank you to all the authors for allowing ONE J to publish your outstanding work in this issue. Also, thank you to the ONE J Editorial Board, Mr. Michael Waters, and Professor Monika Ehrman for all their efforts and expertise to make this issue possible.

In addition to outstanding papers like these, ONE J is now seeking short-form submissions to start the online ONE J Blog. Ideally, blog submissions will focus on a particularly salient event, law, regulation, or case within the oil and gas, natural resources, and energy law fields. Submissions of varying lengths will be considered. To submit a short piece for the blog, please contact either our Submissions Editor, Erica Grayson, at erica.grayson@ou.edu or myself at collin.mccarthy@ou.edu. For other inquiries (including potential blog submissions), please contact us through our general inbox at onej@ou.edu. Finally, for updates and announcements, we can be found on Twitter: @ONEJ_OULaw.

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