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## Editor's Introduction

Welcome to Issue 6, Volume 4 of the Oil and Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Journal—the final Issue of Volume 4. In this Issue, the Journal is proud to present five student-authored pieces written by candidates of the Journal. These pieces were written by Jamie Crandal, Kelsee Kephart, Hunter Mattocks, Andrew Rasbold, and Veronica Threadgill.

The first piece is a comment written by Jamie Crandal. In this comment, the author discusses inadequacies in the current regulatory schemes for offshore wells regarding protections against cyberterrorism attacks. More specifically, this comment suggests changes that could be made to federal regulations to better address current and future cyberterrorism threats offshore wells face.

The second piece is a note written by Kelsee Kephart. In this note, the author addresses the case of *Meier v. Chesapeake Operating* which comes out of the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma. Among other things, this note delves into the impact of this decision going forward in terms of Oklahoma's favorability of its oil and gas industry, insurance litigation, tort liability for the oil and gas industry in Oklahoma, and more.

The third piece is a note written by Hunter Mattocks. In this note, the author discusses two cases, *Strickland v. Stephens Production Company* and *Benedetti v. Cimarex Energy Company*, which have changed the way oil and gas employers fit into Oklahoma's workers' compensation system. This note details the history of Oklahoma's workers' compensation system; analyzes the impact of these decision on oil and gas employers; and postulates potential ways to minimize the negative effects of these decisions on the industry.

The fourth piece is a note written by Andrew Rasbold. In this note, the author addresses the case of *Sinclair Wyoming Refining Co. v. EPA*, which comes out of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. Focusing on the court's overturning of the EPA's decision regarding an exemption to the Renewable Fuel Standard, this note highlights the decision's potential impact on judicial deference in administrative law.

And the fifth piece is a comment written by Veronica Threadgill. In this comment, the author describes inadequacies in the current scheme of international law regarding the accountability of transnational corporations when they cause environmental disasters or commit human rights violations. More specifically, this comment provides several suggestions as to how the international community can hold these corporations accountable—especially those in the energy industry.

As always, in addition to these five student-authored pieces, you can find summaries of cases within the oil and gas, natural resources, and energy law fields. For other updates about the Journal, follow us on Twitter @ONEJ\_OULaw. Beyond these five outstanding papers and case summaries, the Journal is very proud to announce the launch of the ONE J Blog. On the Blog, you will find short-form pieces on rapidly emerging topics that the Journal typically covers. For more information, the Blog can be found at <https://ouonej.wordpress.com/>.

The Journal would like to thank all of the administration and staff at the University of Oklahoma College of Law for their continued support and encouragement. Without your help, the Journal would not be able to provide our readers with the content that it does. Additionally, thanks to our faculty advisor, Professor Monika Ehrman for her guidance and support. Finally, the Journal thanks Mr. Michael Waters, our editorial advisor, for his expertise, guidance, support, and more. Your help is invaluable.

On a personal note, I would like to thank my family, friends, colleagues, and professors for their encouragement and support over the past year. This is my last Issue as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal. Serving in this position has been an exciting, humbling, and rewarding experience. I hope that during my tenure, I continued to solidify the Journal's place as a go-to resource for high-quality scholarship in the ONE fields. Moving forward, I know that the Journal is in good hands with the incoming editorial board. I am looking forward to all that Volume 5 will bring in the coming year!

Thank you,  
Collin McCarthy  
Editor-in-Chief

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