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## Editor's Introduction

Hello and welcome to the Third Edition of Volume Seven of the Oil and Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Journal (ONE-J). This edition contains articles discussing various energy-focused topics, including the oil and gas leasehold and what items constitute production in paying quantities in Oklahoma, international petroleum dealings and mineral ownership disputes in the Aegean Sea, and the Supreme Court's treatment of pollutants traveling through groundwater to reach navigable waters pursuant to Clean Water Act. This edition also includes case summaries of energy decisions within the past year from the United States Supreme Court and various state and federal courts across the country.

The first article is authored by Raymond B. Roush, an experienced oil and gas practitioner with a plethora of advanced knowledge on production in paying quantities in Oklahoma. Roush graduated with a degree in petroleum engineering and after attending law school, spent fifty-one years dedicated to practicing oil and gas law in Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana. Roush's article evaluates a multitude of cost items relating to the oil and gas leasehold and how said cost items factor into a production in paying quantities analysis in Oklahoma.

The second article is authored by Costas S. Michail, a Tax Director and LLM Candidate for International Petroleum Taxation and Financing at the University of Dundee. Michail obtained his LLB, or Bachelor of Laws, from the University of Hull. Michail's article discusses the control of the petroleum resources underlying the Aegean Sea in dispute between Turkey and Greece. Michail's article also proposes a solution involving joint development of the petroleum reserves within the Aegean Sea between Turkey and Greece.

The third article is authored by one of our Journal's editors, Sydney Bale. Bale's article discusses the recent United States Supreme Court decision *Maui v. Hawaii Wildlife Fund*, 140 S.C. 1462 (2020). Bale is ONE-J's media editor and one of ONE-J's articles editors, in addition to being a 3L at the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Bale's article analyzes the Court's rationale in *Maui* and emphasizes the implications it poses on the Clean Water Act and its jurisprudence going forward.

This edition also includes recent case decisions written by our Journal's candidates. These case summaries reflect recent decisions pertaining to upstream and midstream oil and gas issues, environmental regulation challenges, renewable energy regulation questions, and other energy-focused topics across the United States.

Thank you to each author, editor, and ONE-J candidate that made this edition possible. I would also like to thank Michael Waters, our Editorial Advisor, for his continued assistance and diligent efforts to publish our articles. Mr. Waters' contributions and expertise are imperative to our Journal's success. We hope you enjoy our Third Edition.

Many thanks,

Piper B. Hampton  
Editor-In-Chief

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