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Editor's Introduction

Welcome to the Third Edition of Volume Nine of the Oil and Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Journal (ONE J). This Edition contains four fascinating articles as well as a collection of case summaries. The first article, *Fountains of Living Water: How Early Mormon Irrigation Innovated the Legal Landscape of the West*, analyzes the Mormon influences on the Appropriation Doctrine, specifically in the Western region of the United States. The second article, *Brazil's Local Content Requirements: Evolution, Lesson's Learned, & International Trade Limitations*, was composed by six brilliant authors, and takes a deep dive into local content requirements in the extractive resource industries. The third article, *Crisis in the Oil & Gas Industry: Custody of Orphan Wells*, discusses a hot topic waiting to be addressed, the health, safety, environmental, and economic issues created by unplugged orphan wells. The final article, *Smart Grids as Regulators: A Critical Assessment*, delves into the legitimacy of smart grids as regulatory entities. Finally, this Edition closes with case summaries that reflect recent decisions on upstream and midstream oil and gas issues, renewable energy, environmental regulations, and other energy-focused topics across the United States.

With great enthusiasm, we present to you the third edition of Volume 9 of the Oil & Gas, Natural Resources, & Energy Journal.

Best wishes,

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