

David T. Deal Attorney at Law | Certified Mediator



30 Years of Experience on Oil Industry Issues

- Over 28 years with the American Petroleum Institute (API) and 3 years with the law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski's Energy Practice Group.
- Experience embraces both upstream and downstream issues, including royalty management, surface access and operations, renewable and non-renewable motor fuels, and related environmental and safety issues.

30 Years of Experience in Dispute Resolution

- Managed API and multi-association consensus building and advocacy on key oil industry upstream legislative, rulemaking and litigation matters, notably Department of the Interior royalty management and leasing and Environmental Protection Agency motor fuels, ambient air quality standards and stationary source permitting.
- Centrally involved in high profile EPA and DOI regulatory negotiations with myriad stakeholders.
- Negotiated settlements for associations and individual companies involving multi-million dollar royalty rulemaking and audit issues.

Professional Recognition

- In 2003 received a Minerals Management Service (MMS) Corporate Leadership Award for several years of advocacy "demonstrating commitment to resolving differences, reducing litigation and developing simplified royalty processes."
- In 1986-1990 served on the Secretary of Interior's Royalty Management Advisory Committee; in 2006 named to the MMS Royalty Policy Committee (RPC), elected as RPC vice chair and appointed vice chair of RPC blue ribbon Subcommittee on Royalty Management, which in 2007 undertook a policy review of the overall MMS royalty management program; currently serving as RPC vice chair with term ending in 2012.

Education, Training & Current Activity

- Juris Doctor, George Washington University (1972); Bachelor of Civil Engineering, Villanova University (1966).
- 80 hours of formal mediation training completed, far in excess of the common minimum requirement; advanced training scheduled.
- Certified mediator for court matters in several jurisdictions, although certification not a universal requirement.
- Practicing mediator, presently mediating several cases per month for District of Columbia Superior Court.

Professional Standing

- Member of the Virginia and District of Columbia bars; admitted to practice before several federal courts; admitted to the US Patent Office bar as a patent agent.
- Former trustee, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation and regular presenter at Foundation programs; author of many published and presented papers on royalty management, OCS leasing and ocean policy. Advisory Board member, Institute for Energy Law.
- Past guest lecturer at Georgetown University and University of Houston law schools on Clean Air Act fuels issues.
- Active in ABA Section on Environment, Energy and Resources: of Committee; past Council member; past chair or vice chair of Global Oil & Gas Exploration and Production Committee, Public Lands & Land Use Committee, and Petroleum Refining & Marketing Committee.
- Active in ABA Section on Dispute Resolution; Member, Association for Conflict Resolution, Virginia Bar Association Joint ADR Committee, and Virginia Mediation Network.

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