



Faculty Biographies

Course Chair

Harry W. Sullivan, Jr., Assistant General Counsel, Kosmos Energy, Dallas & Executive Professor, Texas A&M School of Law, Ft. Worth, Texas, USA

Harry Sullivan is an International Energy Attorney based in Dallas, Texas, where he is an Executive Professor at Texas A&M School of Law and an Adjunct Professor at SMU's Dedman School of Law. He also is an Assistant General Counsel for Kosmos Energy in their West Africa exploration activities. His previous experience includes fourteen years as Senior Counsel-International in the International E&P Legal Group of ConocoPhillips, Of Counsel with Thompson & Knight LLP, fifteen years as Chief Counsel-International and Senior Counsel for Atlantic Richfield Company and five years as Senior Counsel for Sun Oil Company. Mr. Sullivan has a J.D. degree from Louisiana State University School of Law and an LL.M. degree from Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law. He is licensed to practice law in the states of Louisiana and Texas and before the Supreme Court of the United States, and he is Board Certified in Oil, Gas and Mineral Law in Texas. He is also admitted as a Solicitor in England and Wales. His practice and experience focus on the upstream and midstream oil and gas industry, both in the U.S.A. and internationally.

Norman Nadorff, Special Counsel, Mayer Brown LLP, Professor, University of Houston Law Center

Special Counsel Norman Nadorff works extensively with the firm's Rio de Janeiro office. His practice centers on energy law and transactions and ethics law compliance. For 30 years, Norman served as in-house counsel for major oil companies with primary focus on Latin America, West Africa, and Indonesia. He was Senior Counsel for BP in Angola from 2006 to 2015 as well as Legal Manager for BP Brazil and ARCO Indonesia, where he held two expatriate assignments in the 1990's.

Norman has dealt with a wide range of commercial contracts, including farmout, unitization, joint operating, study and bidding, EPC, drilling and wellsite services, gas sales, shareholder, joint venture, and project finance agreements, as well as a wide variety of host government granting instruments. At ARCO, Norman wrote the Company's policies on Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, US Anti-boycott laws and US Export Regulations. He has participated in corruption, fraud, conflict of interest and hostage-taking investigations and helped resolve various commercial disputes.

A law professor at the University of Houston Law Center since 2012, Norman has taught International Petroleum Agreements in several other U.S. and foreign law schools, including Agostinho Neto University Faculty of Law in Angola ("FDUAN"). In 2006, he played key roles in the creation of a pioneering international oil and gas postgraduate program at FDUAN, which is in its seventeenth year. Norman lectures frequently on petroleum law, anti-corruption laws, contract drafting and negotiations, and development of local talent.

Norman is fluent in Portuguese and Spanish, proficient in French, and has experience negotiating in all three languages. He is currently a Director of the Brazil-Texas Chamber of Commerce and a former Director of the Association of International Energy Negotiators in which he is active in several capacities,

Toufic P. Nassif, VP of Corporate and Government Affairs, VAALCO Energy Inc.

Toufic is the VP of Corporate and Government Affairs for VAALCO Energy Inc. responsible for the company's negotiations and government relations. Mr. Nassif joined VAALCO in 2016 and has been working since with its CEO and management team to advance their business in North and West Africa, primarily in Egypt, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea and Cote D'Ivoire. Prior to his current position he was the President and CEO of Sonde Resources Corp. responsible for the company oil and gas business in Canada and North Africa. Prior to Joining Sonde, he held the position of VP and Commercial Director for BP Libya where he lead the negotiation for the landmark exploration deal that was signed with the Libyan NOC in 2007, the largest Exploration deal in BP's history and the largest ever awarded by Libya. Prior to his role in Libya Toufic was the Director of Negotiations for BP North Africa where he worked on the business development and the growth agenda (new ventures) for BP in Libya and Algeria. Toufic served as a director for BP Exploration North Africa and BP Exploration Libya Ltd from 1999-2010 and also held the position of Senior Advisor for E&P Business Development for BP Plc from 2007-2010.

Prior to his move to London in 1999, Toufic was the Director of Commercial Development for the Exploration and Production Sector of Amoco Corporation, responsible for identifying, developing and establishing new business ventures in North Africa and the Middle East.

Toufic held in 2004-2005 the office of the president of the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN). He has more than 45 years in the energy business with comprehensive experience in business development, negotiations and commercial activities in North Africa, West Africa and Middle East as well as extensive experience in commercial petroleum operations and oil and gas project management.

J. Scott Porter, VP Acquisitions & Divestments and NBD Shales, Deep Water & Global Exploration, Shell plc (retired)

Scott has over 30 years' experience negotiating a wide range of transactions in the energy sector. He began his career in corporate banking with Chemical Bank and Chase Manhattan in both New York and Houston where he focused on project financing in gas storage, cogeneration, pipelines and oil & gas, in addition to acquisition financing for independent EP companies. In 1996 he moved to Enron International to lead business development efforts in Latin America including building gas and power positions in both Argentina and Brasil. Scott joined Royal Dutch Shell in 2002 and has lived in London, The Hague and Singapore. His experience during this period included working on a variety of both upstream and downstream projects including divestments in Africa, joint venture restructurings in the FSU, acquisitions in Europe and A&D work in SE Asia. In 2016 Scott re-located to Houston with Shell to lead the deal execution team for Shell's upstream and integrated gas business in the Americas. His team has been instrumental in delivering a number of divestments for Shell over 2016 – 2018 in addition to evaluating key options for growth in the Shales and Deep Water upstream businesses. Scott was appointed Vice President Commercial/NBD, North America & Brasil in May 2019.

Scott graduated from Duke University and attended business school at the Thunderbird Graduate School of International Business in Phoenix. He is married with four sons.