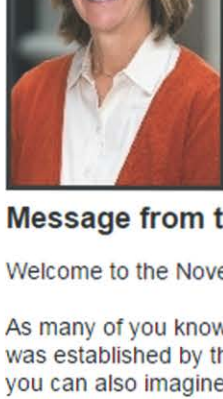


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Message from the Executive Director

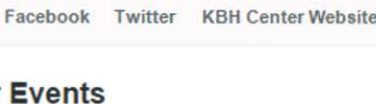
Welcome to the November 2014 issue of the KBH Energy Center Newsletter!

As many of you know, the Kay Bailey Hutchison Center for Energy, Law, and Business was established by the Board of Regents of The University of Texas earlier this year. As you can also imagine, the KBH Center faculty and staff have been busy designing the Center's new [brochure](#), logo, and website, as well as organizing a symposium on international oil and gas for Friday, February 20, 2015. The title is "Geopolitics of Oil and Gas in the Americas." We have assembled a fascinating group of experts to speak at the symposium, including former U.S. Senator Mel Martinez, Dr. Duncan Wood, the director of the Wilson Institute's Mexico Center, former Mexican Ambassador to the U.S. Arturo Sarukhan, Mexican Congressman Javier Trevino, and Mexican Undersecretary for North American Affairs Dr. Sergio Alcocer. I invite you to visit our new [website](#) after we go live on December 15, 2014. The new website will have additional information about the symposium on international oil and gas, including links to the program and registration page.

The KBH Center team is also growing, and I want to take this opportunity to introduce the two newest members of our team, [Romany Webb](#), the Center's new research fellow, and KBH Center Program Coordinator [Brooks Hanna](#). Dr. [John Butler](#), the KBH Center's associate director of academics, KBH Center Program Coordinators Jessica Miller and [Mauricio Pajon](#), and I are delighted to have Ms. Webb and Ms. Hanna join our small but growing team. Through these new additions, the Center is well-positioned for dynamic growth in the coming months. In addition to our symposium, we plan to expand the educational opportunities that the university offers its students interested in pursuing careers in energy and to provide objective forums to discuss key policy questions facing the energy sector, both domestic and international, with a special emphasis on Latin America.

I invite you to join us on this exciting journey and stay informed about the Center's new interdisciplinary course offerings, research and publications, and events by visiting our website, as well as liking us on [facebook](#) and following us on [Twitter](#).

Best wishes,
Melinda E. Taylor



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KBH Energy Center Events

Fall 2014 Distinguished Speaker Lecture Series

This fall, the KBH Center sponsored its increasingly popular Distinguished Lecture Series, a lunchtime lecture series that brings lawyers, as well as members of the business community, to campus to speak on energy-related topics from legal and business perspectives, as well as job opportunities for students. Past Distinguished Lecturers have included [Mexican Senator Ninfa Salinas](#), who spoke about the past, present, and future state of environment and energy sectors in Mexico. This semester, the KBH Center welcomed Distinguished Lecturers from as nearby as Austin and Houston and as far away as Quito and Mexico City. On September 9, Mike Grable, the president of [Lone Star Transmission](#) in Austin, gave a Distinguished Lecture on [Challenges to Delivering Electricity in Texas](#). The following month, [Leonardo Sempertegui](#) (LL.M. '09), a former Fulbright Scholar and a partner at [Sempertegui Ontaneda Abogados](#), flew into Austin all the way from his native Quito to make a presentation on [Energy and Environmental Law of Ecuador in the Andean Context](#). A week later, Suzanne Murray, a KBH Center Advisory Council member and regional counsel at U.S. FPA, gave a Distinguished Lecture about [Life and Work at U.S. Boone's Mexico City office](#), discussed [Practicing Energy Law in Mexico: A Texas Law LL.M.'s Experience](#). Attendees included faculty, students, and staff from departments across campus, including the [School of Law](#), the [McCombs School of Business](#), [Jackson School of Geosciences](#), and the [Cockrell School of Engineering](#), among others. [\(read more ...\)](#)



Haynes & Boone Partner Ariel Ramos (LL.M. '95) gives a Distinguished Lecture on energy reform in Mexico.

Talk by Bestselling Author Paul Barrett, Law of the Jungle: Lessons from the Epic Chevron Oil Pollution Case in Ecuador

October 2014 Last month, the KBH Center partnered with the School of Law's [William Wayne Justice Center for Public Interest Law](#) to sponsor a talk by [Paul M. Barrett](#) on [Law of the Jungle: Lessons from the Epic Chevron Oil Pollution Case in Ecuador](#). The talk was based on Mr. Barrett's new book, [Law of the Jungle: The \\$19 Billion Legal Battle Over Oil in the Rain Forest and the Lawyer Who Would Stop at Nothing to Win](#). Mr. Barrett is an assistant managing editor and senior writer at [Bloomberg BusinessWeek](#) and a [New York Times](#) Bestselling author. [\(read more ...\)](#)

KBH Center Advisory Council Member Jim Cousar (J.D. '78) Serves as LL.M. Program "Ambassador" in Santiago, Chile

November 2014 As a follow-up to the KBH Center's trip to Santiago, Chile, last spring to promote its [LL.M. Concentration in Global Energy, International Arbitration, and Environmental Law](#), as well as to sponsor a two-day conference on [Emerging Trends in International Arbitration in Latin America](#), KBH Center Advisory Council member [Jim Cousar](#) (J.D. '78) gave a series of presentations on the LL.M. program in general and Environmental Law in particular, at a number of law firms in Santiago, including [Bofill Mir & Alvarez Jana Abogados](#) and [Grupo Vial Abogados](#), as well as at several Chilean law schools, including the [Pontificia Universidad Catolica](#) and the [Universidad de los Andes](#). Mr. Cousar is senior counsel at [Thompson & Knight LLP](#).

KBH Energy Center Research and Publications

Blog

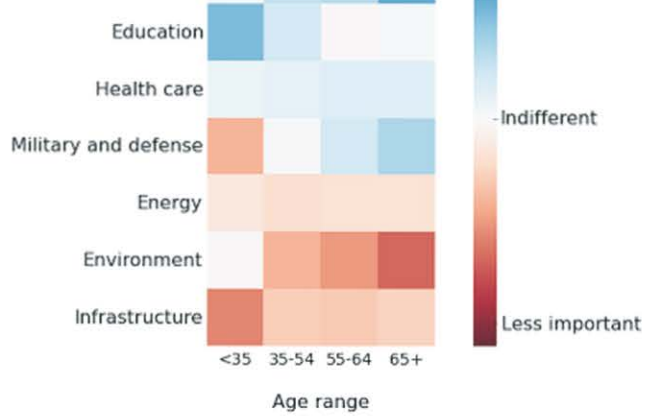
Have you checked out the KBH Center's prolific blog? Since we released our last newsletter in July, KBH Center faculty and staff have published nearly twenty blog posts on energy and environmental topics from legal and business perspectives. KBH Center Interns Tim Vaughan, Christine Wozniak, and Camila Cossio (J.D. '16) wrote on an array of energy-related topics, ranging from [EPA's Clean Power Plant Proposed Rule and Its Impact on Texas](#) to [The Current State of Renewable Portfolio Standards, Chilean Energy Resources and the Hidro Aysen Project](#), and [Seismic Activity and Hydraulic Fracturing](#). Former KBH Center Research Fellow Jeremy Brown authored a number of excellent blog posts on topics ranging from [Texas Groundwater Law and Severed Estates](#) to [TWDB's Proposed SWIFT Rule and the Challenges of Governing through Point Systems, Early Takeaways from the Deepwater Horizon Decision, Natural Disasters and State-Level Executive Powers, Policy Trends in Congressional LNG Legislation, Federal Financing for Australia LNG Projects, Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act and the Rush to Export LNG, NEPA and Environmental Impacts of LNG Exports](#), and [Lessons from the DOE's LNG Export Approvals](#). The KBH Center Blog also featured an entry on how the [Texas Railroad Commission is on Track to Address Quakes](#) by Haynes and Boone Partner [Jeff Civins](#). Mr. Civins also serves on the Advisory Council for the KBH Center and is an adjunct professor in the Center. Last but not certainly not least, Romany Webb, the KBH Center's new research fellow, published her first blog post for the Center, [What's in the Pipeline for Gas?: How the Climate Pact with China Could Lead to Tighter Federal Controls on Methane Emissions from natural Gas Pipelines](#). [\(read more ...\)](#)

Journal Articles

A number of articles by KBH Center faculty appeared in peer-reviewed journals this year. *The Texas Law Review* published ["Still Free to Harm: A Response to Professor Farber"](#), an article by Professor [Thomas O. McGarity](#), Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long Endowed Chair in Administrative Law. In the paper, Professor McGarity responds to Daniel Farber's review of his book, [Freedom to Harm: the Lasting Legacy of the Laissez Faire Revival](#). KBH Center Adjunct Professor [Roderick E. Wetsel's](#) article, ["Ride Like the Wind: Selected Issues in Multi-Party Wind Lease Negotiations"](#), appeared in the *Texas A&M Journal of Real Property Law*. [\(read more ...\)](#)

October 2014 The University of Texas at Austin's [Energy Poll](#) released its latest findings on October 28th, providing a unique insight into how energy issues might influence the Midterm elections. [\(read more ...\)](#)

U.S. Poll: Where is it most and least important for the U.S. government to spend your tax dollars?



Data source: UT Energy Poll (utenergypoll.com), Wave 7
 Author: Randy Olson (randal_olson)

KBH Energy Center in the News

Media Coverage

Several KBH Center faculty members were in the news on energy and environmental topics. [Bloomberg News](#), the [Houston Chronicle](#), and the [Fort Worth Business Press](#) featured Professor [Thomas O. McGarity](#) in the [Why Lower Crude Oil Prices are Good for the Oil Industry](#). Professor [Tom McGarity](#) was quoted in an [Inside Climate News](#) article about the \$2.9 million fracking verdict against Aruba Petroleum, which survived another challenge. In an [article](#) about a 2010 proposal to list the spot-tailed earless lizard as a federally protected species that is hanging in limbo, the [San Antonio Express-News](#) quoted KBH Center Energy Center Executive Director [Melinda Taylor](#) on the rare lizard's habitat, which likely includes large swaths of the Eagle Ford Share, the prolific oil and gas field south of San Antonio. The two-day conference on October 18-19, 2014 at the Yale Law School that brought together law and public health. Earlier this month, in an [article](#) about the conflict between energy production and environmental protection, *UT Law: The Magazine of the University of Texas School of Law* (Fall 2014, Volume 13) quoted Professors [Jeff Civins](#), [Tom McGarity](#), and [Melinda Taylor](#), the KBH Center's executive director, on the relationship between energy production and environmental protection. [\(read more ...\)](#)

KBH Energy Center Students

KBH Center Sponsors Team of Texas Law Students at 12th Annual Willem C. Vis (East) International Commercial Arbitration Moot

March 2015 This year, five students are competing on Texas Law's team at the [12th Annual Willem C. Vis \(East\) International Commercial Arbitration Moot](#) on March 15-22, 2015 in Hong Kong: Ashleigh Acevedo (J.D. '15), Lauren Miller (J.D. '15), Josh Nosal (J.D. '15), David Presley (J.D. '16), and Xin Zhang (LL.M. '15). Acevedo, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Nosal, all of whom participated in the [Vis Arbitral Moot in Vienna](#) in April 2014, are student coaches. The team is being coached by Garrett Martin (J.D. '14), a judicial law clerk at the Supreme Court of Texas. Mr. Martin was a student coach for the Vis Moot last April in Vienna. [\(read more ...\)](#)

McCombs School of Business Wins National Energy Finance Challenge

October 2014 On October 17, the McCombs School of Business hosted the 9th Annual National Energy Finance Challenge, and the team of MBA students sponsored by the McCombs School won the competition, beating out sixteen other teams from business schools across the country. On the McCombs team were Kirk Sisco (MBA '15), Juong Park (MBA '15), Eric Franco (MBA '16), Kyle Gabb (MBA '16), and Robert Buckwalter (MBA '16). [\(read more ...\)](#)

KBH Center's LL.M. Concentration in Global Energy, International Arbitration, and Environmental Law Attracts Seventeen LL.M. Students from Nearly a Dozen Different Countries

This fall, seventeen students from eleven different countries arrived in Austin to enroll in the KBH Center's [LL.M. Concentration in Global Energy, International Arbitration, and Environmental Law](#), a unique degree program that allows students to explore the intersections between natural resources law, environmental law, and international arbitration. The students' countries of origin include Chile, China, Ecuador, India, Iran, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, the United States, and Venezuela. For more information about the KBH Center's LL.M. Concentration in Global Energy, International Arbitration, and Environmental Law, read our [brochure](#). A [Spanish translation](#) is also available. [\(read more ...\)](#)

In case you didn't know, the Supreme Court of Texas issued an order amending the [Rules Governing Admission to the Bar of Texas effective October 1, 2014](#). As a result, foreign-educated applicants and foreign attorneys are now eligible to take Texas Bar Examination. According to Haynes & Boone Partner Larry Pascal, "The reforms would make Texas competitive with New York and California and create expanded commercial opportunities for the state's lawyers." Pascal chaired the task force that recommended the proposed reforms to the state's international law practice rules. [\(read more ...\)](#)

Courses

September 2014 Professors [John Dzienkowski](#) and [Owen Anderson](#) taught an intensive course on International Petroleum Transactions on September 15-19, 2014 in Lisbon, Portugal. The course was sponsored by the [Sociedade Portuguesa de Direito Internacional](#), Portugal's International Law Association. [\(read more ...\)](#)

The KBH Center faculty is teaching [twenty two](#) courses on energy law, environmental law, and arbitration/dispute resolution this Fall 2014 semester and [twenty seven](#) in the Spring 2015 semester. [\(read more ...\)](#)