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Professional Profile

Mr. John Stafford is the Director of Exponent's Offshore Technology Risk Solutions Center. Mr. Stafford's expertise is in the upstream oil and gas industry. As an exploration and development geologist, he has been involved in the development and drilling of oil and gas prospects in the Gulf of Mexico, the Williston Basin, and the onshore and offshore basins of California. His range of experience includes rank wildcat exploration projects in the Point Arena and Eel River Basins offshore California, and very mature oil and gas field development projects in the San Joaquin Basin near Bakersfield, California. Mr. Stafford is also an attorney in private practice, and he has represented clients in domestic and international oil and gas transactions and regulatory compliance matters related to the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002. He served as Vice President and General Counsel for a publicly traded oil and gas company on the NYSE, with operations in nine states. As an entrepreneur, Mr. Stafford acquired approximately 2,000 acres of oil and gas leases from Occidental Petroleum and directed the drilling of two exploratory wells to depths of more than 10,000 ft on the acreage.

Academic Credentials and Professional Honors

J.D., University of Denver, College of Law, 1996

M.S., Geological Oceanography, Texas A&M University, 1982

B.S., Geology, Syracuse University, 1978

University of Denver College of Law, General Editor, *Denver University Law Review*

Licenses and Certifications

Colorado Bar, 1997 (active)

Registered Professional Geologist, Wyoming, #1960

Certified Mediator – 40 hrs of CLE training in mediating business disputes, January 2010

Publications

Stafford JM. The potential federal regulation of hydraulic fracturing wells. Proceedings, 5th Annual International Petroleum Environmental Conference, 1998.

Stafford JM. Environmental law supplement. Colorado Journal, Arizona Journal, Nevada Journal, and Washington Journal, July 1998.

Stafford JM. Geoscience and law: Strange bedfellows or interdisciplinary teambuilding. Geotimes 1998 May; 43(5).

Stafford JM. The validation of scientific evidence. American Association of Petroleum Geologists Explorer, Commentary, 1997.

Bochert LH, Stafford JM. Environmental law. Annual Survey of Wisconsin Law, Wisconsin State Bar, 1996–1997.

Fogarty JPC, updated by Epel J and Stafford JM. Transportation controls and motor vehicle inspection and maintenance programs. 2 Law of Environmental Protection (ELI), § 11.08, 1995.

Stafford JM. Environmental law survey. Denver University Law Review 1995; 72:685.

Presentations

1998 Recipient of the Best Poster Award for Poster Session on “The Use of Advanced Technology in Law” presented at the 1998 Annual AAPG Convention.

Guest lecturer, Colorado School of Mines, addressed delegation of 30 representatives of China National Petroleum Company on International Commercial Arbitration.

1992 Co-recipient of the A.I. Levorsen Memorial Award for best paper presented at the Pacific Section Meeting of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

Prior Experience

President, Laris Oil & Gas, LLC, 2002–2010

Council Member, Gerson Lehman Group, Inc., 2008–

Consultant, Vantage Marketplace LLC, 2008–2009

Managing Member, John M. Stafford & Associates, LLC, 2002–2008

Vice President/General Counsel, Patina Oil & Gas Corp, 2001–2002

Vice President/Secretary, Elysium Energy, LLC, 2001–2002

Professional Affiliations

- Association of International Petroleum Negotiators—AIPN
- American Association of Petroleum Geologists—AAPG
- AGI's Environmental Geoscience Advisory Committee – Invited Member
- American Bar Association; Sections: Natural Resources, Energy, and Environmental Law and Science & Technology
- Colorado Bar Association
- Denver Bar Association
- Wisconsin Bar Association