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Kenneth M. Klemm to be Featured Speaker at National Energy Law Conference

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(New Orleans, LA/September 27, 2010) Kenneth M. Klemm, shareholder in the New Orleans office of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC, will be a featured speaker at the 9th Annual Energy Litigation Conference on October 12 in Houston, Texas.

Mr. Klemm's presentation, "Oil, Gas and Mineral Leasing: When is a Lease a Lease?" will focus on the formation of oil, gas and mineral leases in Louisiana and Texas. According to Mr. Klemm, "This is a timely topic because, during the past several years, the 'boom' and then the 'bust' in leasing activities for properties within the Haynesville Shale and other areas resulted in a significant amount of litigation. A number of cases instituted by mineral interest owners sought enforcement of agreed-upon bonus payments and other lease terms even though offers were rescinded during title examination periods or prior to the mineral interest owners executing valid leases. This has become an area of significant concern for operators."

A graduate of the Fordham University School of Law, Mr. Klemm is an experienced litigator who primarily defends clients in marine, energy, oil and gas litigation. His clients range from local businesses and individuals and oil and pollution clean-up companies, to the world's largest independent natural gas producer, one of the world's largest oil field services companies, regional and national transporters of natural gas, and national insurance companies. Mr. Klemm is a frequent speaker on litigation-related topics involving admiralty and maritime issues, environmental law and oil and gas casualties. He is co-chair of the Programs Subcommittee of the American Bar Association's Energy Litigation Committee and is a proctor member of the Maritime Law Association of the United States. Mr. Klemm has been recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® as a leading attorney in Maritime Law and by *Louisiana Super Lawyers* in the area of Energy & Natural Resources.

The Energy Litigation Conference, which bridges the gap between general energy law and general litigation conferences, is being co-sponsored by The Institute for Energy Law of The Center for American and International Law, the American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy and Resources and the American Bar Association Energy Litigation Committee of the Section of Litigation. Conference details are available at http://www.cailaw.org/iel/ELit_10details.html.

About The Institute for Energy Law

A division of the Center for American and International Law (formerly The Southwestern Legal Foundation), the Institute for Energy Law was one of the earliest pioneers in post-graduate continuing legal education. Its annual Oil and Gas Law Conference, initiated in 1949, is now the country's oldest CLE program in any field. Since then, the Institute has been one of the world's most influential educational forums on energy law issues, through its annual programs, its scholarly publications and its membership activities.

About the American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy and Resources

With more than 400,000 members, the American Bar Association is the largest voluntary professional membership organization in the world. The ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources is the premier forum for strategies and information for environmental, energy and resource professionals. It represents more than 10,000 members with a wide range of professional interests. The Section keeps its members abreast of important trends, current court decisions, legislative initiatives and statutes concerning environmental, natural resources, and energy law.

About the American Bar Association Energy Litigation Committee of the Section of Litigation

The Energy Litigation Committee aims to provide its membership with up-to-date litigation-focused information on the production, transportation and marketing of oil, natural gas and electricity, as well as federal regulation of those industries. The Committee reports to members on significant case law, law review articles and seminars, and produces informative programs on topics of interest to the lawyer who litigates energy-related cases.