

Yale Publishes Article on Title Opinion Requirements

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Gray Reed & McGraw attorney Paul Yale published "To Waive or Not to Waive: Analyzing Oil and Gas Title Opinion Requirements" in the December 2009 issue of *Landman Magazine*.

To read the article, click [here](#).

Mr. Yale is board certified in Oil, Gas and Mineral Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and has 33 years experience working primarily in the oil and gas industry, including 27 years with ExxonMobil Corporation and its predecessor companies at various locations within the United States. His last position prior to retirement from ExxonMobil in 2007 was Manager of Land for ExxonMobil's United States Production Organization with responsibility for ExxonMobil's land activities in the continental United States both onshore and offshore. Previous positions with ExxonMobil included International Agreements Coordinator, Natural Gas Commercial Negotiator, Trades and Unitization Supervisor, and Alaska Land Advisor.

Mr. Yale's practice focuses on representation of oil and gas companies in connection with oil and gas title examination and operations. He manages Gray Reed McGraw's Houston based Oil and Gas Title Examination Section and routinely performs title examinations for oil and gas producers, especially in Texas and North Dakota. He also advises clients in connection with joint operating agreements, purchase and sale agreements, farmouts, leasing, gas contracts, drilling and seismic agreements, and other oil and gas related agreements.

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