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LICENSURE	KS TX
EDUCATION	J.D. University of Houston Law Center

Don Hueske focuses his practice in the area of mineral title law and has extensive experience in title examination and due diligence for acquisitions and financing issues, as well as the management and oversight of those providing similar services. He routinely prepares original, supplemental and division order title opinions, and has assisted in the negotiation and drafting of leasehold assignments, farmout and joint operating agreements and various curative instruments, as well as master service agreements. A survivor of over thirty years in the energy industry (and the son and grandson of geophysicists), Don has built a solid reputation for practical, reliable and results-oriented advice, allowing his clients to identify, mitigate and resolve risks encountered in their upstream operations. He has been responsible for the building, training, mentoring and reviewing of a team of attorneys responsible for title examination and due diligence/acquisition projects serving clients in the States of Texas and Kansas. Prior to licensure as an attorney, Don served in a variety of land and land administration departments as a division order, lease and title analyst and landman for a number of independent exploration and production companies. Don takes pride in his accessibility and responsiveness to clients, and his ability to maintain good humor and a relaxed demeanor at the most critical of times.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Has conducted receivership proceedings allowing for the leasing, drilling and production of land, title to which was in unknown heirs or successors of undiscoverable person(s)

Regularly provides advice and assistance with respect to surface use and operations

Conducted original and supplemental title examinations to thousands of tracts of land, allowing clients to identify in advance issues affecting the ability to drill and produce from certain tracts, and provided assistance in the curing of those defects, allowing drilling to take place

Managed and coordinated efforts of a team of attorneys conducting due diligence in conjunction with a number of acquisitions, including one involving over 100,000 gross acres and 200 producing units, delivering completion ahead of deadline and under budget; maintain regular and informative communication with client to ensure against misunderstanding and last-minute surprise

WORK EXPERIENCE

2014	Steptoe & Johnson PLLC
2010-2014	Burleson LLP
1995-2010	Law Office of Donald T. Hueske
1993-1995	Labanowski and Associates
1990-1993	Randall K. Sadler, P.C.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS / SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Recent Texas Cases Affecting Lease Maintenance," NHAPL Half Day Seminar, February 2017

Due Diligence Panel Discussion, AAPL Annual Meeting, June 2016

"An Overview of Texas Probate and Heirship," Houston Association of Division Order Analysts, April 2015

"Allocation and Bearing of Post-Production Costs," Houston Association of Professional Landmen, September 2014

"Title Examination and the Due Diligence Process: Defects and Notifications," 11th Annual A&D Strategies and Opportunities Conference, Dallas, TX, September 2012

Co-author with Michael Browning, "So You Want to Be an Oil and Gas Lawyer?," Texas Lawyer, July 2012

MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS

PROFESSIONAL

Houston Business Journal's Who's Who in Energy for 2015

Board Certified in Oil, Gas and Mineral Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization, 2013

2013 Finalist, "Who's Who in Energy", Houston Business Journal

Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Section, State Bar of Texas

College of the State Bar of Texas

INDUSTRY/CIVIC

Ten-time Campaigner and Team Leader, South Montgomery County, Texas YMCA Partners for Youth/Annual Campaign

American Association of Professional Landmen

Houston Association of Professional Landmen

North Houston Association of Professional Landmen

West Houston Association of Petroleum Landmen