

OIL & GAS LAW COMMITTEE

Alive and . . . Well (*pun intended*)!

The New Orleans Bar Association Oil & Gas Section is making a comeback, thanks to the efforts of Keith B. Hall of Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann. On August 26, 2010, the first planning meeting of the revitalized Oil & Gas Section was held to discuss how the Section will be structured and what it can offer New Orleans lawyers in the oil and gas industry. Toward this end, monthly luncheons will be held wherein lawyers would present one-hour lectures on important topics such as: implied covenants, carbon sequestration, “legacy” lawsuits/Act 312 litigation, royalty litigation, choice of law issues relating to OCSLA, master service agreements, water use issues and other relevant topics designed to better inform local oil & gas lawyers. CLE credits would be offered for these presentations.

In addition, the Section would act as a forum where lawyers can freely exchange ideas and share knowledge on a variety of issues. Likewise, it would provide an opportunity for networking and promote collegiality. For instance, the Section is interested in partnering with other local oil & gas organizations--PLANO, LOGA, Women’s Energy Network-Southeast Louisiana--to promote a sense of community and to discuss issues of common interest. Young lawyers are highly encouraged to participate in the monthly luncheons and become involved in other ways.

For more information on the Oil & Gas Section, please contact Keith Hall, Chair of the Section, at (504) 581-3200 or at khall@stonepigman.com.

Mark your calendars: Please join us for the Section’s next meeting at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 29, 2010 (Location to be determined). Guest speaker: Mr. Mike Lyons, General Counsel, Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association.