

## **Lanny Yates**

Licensed to practice law in both Texas and Louisiana, J. Lanier Yeates has resided in Houston since completing his studies at Louisiana State University Law School in 1981 where he served as Associate Editor of the Louisiana Law Review and was graduated Order of the Coif. His practice includes representation of producers and other participants in the energy industry. Mr. Yeates is a member resident in the Houston office of Gordon Arata McCollam & Eagan, LLC.

Since 1990, he has been a member of the Adjunct Faculty of the University of Houston Law Center, most recently having taught “Essentials of Oil & Gas Shale Development” during the spring semester of 2011. Since 1983, he has served as a member of the Advisory Council of the Louisiana Mineral Law Institute and now serves both as Chairman of the Advisory Council and the Interim Director of the Mineral Law Institute. He has served as Vice-Chairman of several committees of the American Bar Association, including the Energy Policy Committee and the Oil & Natural Gas Exploration and Production Committee. He served on the Technical Subcommittee of the AAPL-OCS Committee=s Deepwater Offshore Operating Agreement Model Form Subcommittee which developed the original form deepwater offshore operating agreement that was adopted in 2000 by the AAPL as a model form.

Mr. Yeates has published numerous articles and other publications and has been a frequent speaker on subjects of importance to the energy industry. In 2004, he published his first novel, *Bay of One Hundred Fires*.

Appointed for two terms by Governor George W. Bush, Mr. Yeates served from 1998-2001, as Vice Chairman of the Spindletop Centennial Celebration Commission and planned the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the discovery of the Lucas Gusher in the Spindletop Field.

Mr. Yeates currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Campanile Charities, Inc. at LSU which supports professorships in mineral law, geology, and petroleum engineering. During 2007-2008, he served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the LSU Foundation and is a life member of the Foundation. He is a past President of the LSU Law Alumni Association.

His memberships include the United States Supreme Court Bar Association, the State Bar of Texas, and the College of the State Bar of Texas, the Pro-Bono College of the State Bar of Texas, the Louisiana State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Houston Bar Association, and the American Law Institute.

He was graduated in December of 1977 with a B.S. from LSU, and, in 1981, from LSU Law School where he was Order of the Coif and served as Associate Editor of the Louisiana Law Review. His fraternities include Phi Kappa Phi, Delta Sigma Pi, and Sigma Chi.