

Paul J. Goodwine - Biography

Mr. Goodwine was graduated from Loyola University School of Law in New Orleans Louisiana in May 1995. Prior to law school, Mr. Goodwine earned a bachelors' degree from the University of Notre Dame, majoring in economics.

Since graduation from law school, a significant portion of Mr. Goodwine's practice has focused on Gulf of Mexico lease ownership and operational issues. He has substantial experience in Department of the Interior regulations and oversight, first with the MMS, then with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, and now with BOEM, BSEE, and ONRR. Since the mid-1990's, Mr. Goodwine has been an active participant in almost every bankruptcy dealing with offshore decommissioning obligations and bonding associated therewith. Highlighting this experience was being retained by the estate of ATP in 2012 to help manage its decommissioning obligations with BOEM and BSEE. That experience provided a window into the motivations of BOEM to revamp their financial assurance procedures and protocols and BSEE's motivations in relation to its recent changes in decommissioning assessment methodology.

In September of 2014, M. Goodwine joined Don Looper of Houston Texas, one of the founders of Looper, Reed & McGraw, to establish Looper Goodwine PC. Mr. Goodwine's practice remains the same, with a healthy concentration of his and the firm's practice in the BOEM/BSEE regulatory arena. He presently advises numerous lessees and operators in relation to their financial assurance obligations associated with Gulf of Mexico decommissioning obligations, and presently represents Argo Surety in the Black Elk Bankruptcy.

Please join me in welcoming PJ to the Seminar.