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Upstream – Latin America

Argentina: A Step-by-Step Walk on the Road toward the Shale Miracle?

Tomas Lanardonne, Vera De Brito de Gyrfas

Although with caution, investors are responding to shale oil and gas projects in the "Vaca Muerta" play located in the Province of Neuquén. [More »](#)

Corporate/London

UK Introduces New Brown-Field Tax Allowance

Kevin Conway, Nina Howell

A new allowance, intended to support investment in developed oil fields, reduces the amount of adjusted ring fence profits subject to a Supplementary Charge for fields that are to undergo additional development. [More »](#)

Upstream - Africa

East Africa: Tanzania introduces new model Production Sharing Agreement and Mozambique prepares to enact new Petroleum Law

Nina Howell

Tanzania and Mozambique are in the process of developing new legislation and regulations for their emerging oil and gas sectors. The potential of these countries as new suppliers in the global natural gas market is attracting significant interest from a wide range of oil and gas companies. [More »](#)

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Oil & Gas Litigation

Oilfield Anti-Indemnity Statutes May Invalidate Some Contract Provisions

C. Brannon Robertson, Ron J. Palmer

Almost every oilfield services contract will contain some type of indemnity provision. Yet several oil-producing states have enacted statutory provisions that will, at times, render unenforceable an indemnification provision that purports to require indemnification for the indemnitee's own negligence.

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Tort Litigation

Louisiana Court of Appeal Rejects Plaintiff's Attempt to Join Claims of Contamination of Separate Parcels with Different Lessees in a Single Action

Upcoming Events

*King & Spalding
Energy Forum: False
Advertising Issues
Common in the Energy
Industry*

When:

*Wednesday, February
12, 2014*

8:00 - 9:30 am CST

Where:

*The Houstonian Hotel,
111 North Post Oak
Lane, Houston, Texas*

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Session for Antitrust
Scholars [More »](#)**

**Amicus Brief by
Jeffrey Bucholtz an
'Exemplar of Good**

Jonathan L. Marsh

A recent ruling could provide the oil and gas industry with a much-needed advantage with respect to how and where contamination-related claims from historic oil and gas exploration and production operations in Louisiana are to be litigated. [More »](#)

REGULATORY FERC

FERC Order No. 790: Rulemaking Addressing Construction and Maintenance Activities of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines

James F. Bowe, Jr., Neil L. Levy, William E. Rice

FERC recently issued a rulemaking order clarifying and modifying the regulations applicable to interstate natural gas pipelines' minor construction and maintenance activities. [More »](#)

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