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### PROGRAM TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Oil and Gas Leases
- Surface Use Agreements (SUAs)
- Government's Role in Authorizing Locations for Oil and Gas Development
- **Technical Aspects of Nontributary and Produced Nontributary Ground Water**
- Produced Nontributary Ground Water from the Perspective of Industry
- Nontributary Ground Water as a Landowner Asset

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- Practitioners with Energy and Water Industry Clients
- **Energy and Water Law Practitioners**
- **Energy Industry Professionals**
- Engineers
- **Environmental Professionals**
- **■** Federal, State and City Government Officials
- Landowners
- Water Brokers
- Anyone Who Needs to Know About Water, Oil and Gas!

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for qualified applicants who wish to attend and have limited resources. For information, email bhollingsworth@cobar.org

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his program is the third one in a series focusing on critical water, oil and gas issues in Colorado. Each program is designed as a stand-alone program. This third program will provide those who don't practice in the area with essential information regarding oil and leases, surface use agreements, government's role in authorizing locations for oil and gas development; the ins and outs of nontributary and produced nontributary ground water and nontributary ground water as a landowner asset.

This series of programs gathers top legal, water, and energy/technical experts to share their extensive experience and expertise with you. The first program provided an overview of the pertinent law and issues generated when the water, oil and gas industries interact; addressed water quality concerns and the sourcing of water from municipalities and beyond for hydraulic fracturing and drilling. The second program in the series focused on the technology behind recycling produced water and hydraulic fracturing flowback liquid; water recycling and use and reuse by Colorado's oil and gas industry; water recycling incentives in other states; mandatory recycling and legal constraints and opportunities in Colorado regarding water reuse. If you decide you would like the materials from a program you did not attend, they are available in a variety of formats. Please see the Homestudy Order Form in this brochure or get in touch with CBA/CLE at (888) 860-0624; (303) 860-0608.

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### 8:30 - 9:00 am Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 - 9:10 am

Introduction, Welcome and Recap of Previous Programs: Water, Oil and Gas 101 and Water Recycling and Reuse of Water Sarah Klahn, Esq., and Matthew Sura, Esq.

### 9:10 am - 12:10 pm

### **FOCUS ON LAND**

(with 15-minute break)

Oil and Gas Leases and Surface Use Agreements (SUAs)

- Lease Agreements
  - (1) Determining if your client has mineral rights
  - (2) Analyzing a lease offer
  - (3) Interacting with industry landmen
  - (4) Important provisions for landowners to understand in the typical lease
  - (5) Landowner issues and industry concerns: bridging gaps and drafting protective provisions
- Surface Use Agreements (SUAs)
  - (1) Split estates and the Accommodation Doctrine
  - (2) Common issues for surface owners
  - (3) Important provisions for landowners to consider including in an SUA

### · Regulation of Oil and Gas Development

- (1) The role of government in authorizing locations
  - a. Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) permitting, operational regulation, and enforcement
  - b. Zoning and land use authority of local governments
  - c. Update on local government hydraulic fracturing moratoria and bans

Presented by: **Phillip Barber, Esq.**, (Oil and gas attorney with emphasis in representation of local governments) **Howard Boigon, Esq.**, (Oil and gas Industry attorney with emphasis in representation of industry clients)

**Matthew Sura, Esq.,** (Oil and gas attorney with emphasis in representation of landowners and communities)

### 12:10 - 1:30 pm

Lunch Break (on your own)

### 1:30 - 3:30 pm

### **FOCUS ON WATER**

### Water Rights

- Technical Aspects of Nontributary and Produced Nontributary Ground Water
  - (1) Formations
  - (2) Locations
  - (3) Depths
  - (4) Amounts

Presented by: **Christopher Sanchez, P.G.**, Bishop-Brogden Associates, Inc.

- Produced Nontributary Ground Water from the Perspective of Industry
  - (1) Produced water as an asset
  - (2) Avoided transportation and pipeline costs
  - (3) Cost-effective treatment options

Presented by: **Matthew Bruff, Esq.**, Chief Development Officer and General Counsel, Altela, Inc.

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### 1:30 - 3:30 pm

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### Nontributary Ground Water as a Landowner Asset

- (1) Ownership of nontributary ground water (including produced nontributary ground water)
- (2) Limitations on industry's use of produced nontributary ground water
- (3) Adjudication of rights to nontributary ground water
- (4) Adjudicated nontributary ground water rights and negotiations *Presented by: Alan Curtis, Esq.*

3:30 pm

Adjourn

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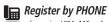
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