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## INTRODUCTION

I am honored as a Texas sole practitioner to address important royalty issues before this national audience. The rapidly changing legal landscape makes it imperative for industry members to stay abreast of all events that may impact our business/practice. The statutes discussed, while relatively recent in origin, effect practically every check delivered to every person receiving proceeds for the production of oil and/or gas. All of us who contributed to this paper hope that you will return home possessing practical information that you can utilize immediately.

I direct your attention to the following three pages where I identify my Contributing Friends who live in most of the states surveyed. I am able to address multiple issues in multiple states only because of this network of friends who patiently and consistently provide requested information for the benefit of our audience. If you have any specific questions as to the law or practice in any state other than Texas, I encourage you to contact the appropriate Contributing Friend.

In my continuing effort to make dull material more interesting, I provide some of my collected Thoughts for the Day interspersed through this article for what I hope will be a refreshing interlude.

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When pilgrims landed in this country, there were no taxes, no depression, no foreign aid. The men hunted and fished. The women did all the work. Then, the white man thought he could improve on that system. Blackie Sherrod

It has been my observation that most people get ahead during the time that others waste. Henry Ford

Never invest your money in anything that eats or needs repairing. Billie Rose

It begins when you sink in his arms; it ends with your arms in his sink.

A woman is a woman until the day she dies, but a man is a man only as long as he can. Moms Mobley

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