
Speakers' Biographies

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About the speakers . . .

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Bill Barr is Vice President of NGAS Resources, Inc., (Nasdaq National Market: NGAS), an Appalachian based exploration and production company headquartered in Lexington, Kentucky. In 1993, Bill joined Daugherty Petroleum, the operation's subsidiary of NGAS, and, after serving as Vice President – Acquisitions and Legal Affairs, he assumed the duties of Chief Executive Officer in 2005. He has 30 years experience in the corporate and legal sectors of the oil and gas industry. Bill currently serves as Governing Member Trustee for the Energy & Mineral Law Foundation. He also serves as President-elect and on the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Oil and Gas Association (“KOGA”) and as Chairman of its Legislative Committee. Bill also serves as Vice Chairman of the Kentucky Gas Pipeline Authority. He received a Juris Doctorate from the University of Kentucky in 1975. Bill, his wife, Carrie, and their four-year-old son, Garrett, reside in a 1797 home in downtown Lexington.

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Erica Baumgras is a member at Flaherty, Sensabaugh & Bonasso, PLLC, in Charleston, West Virginia. As a member of the firm's insurance practice group, Ms. Baumgras concentrates her practice on matters related to insurance law such as offering coverage opinions, filing declaratory judgment actions, litigating bad faith claims, providing general counsel to insurance companies and agencies, and defending of agents in errors and omissions claims, as well as representing insured defendants in personal injury and property damage cases. Also, as a member of the firm's mass/complex tort group, she also devotes her practice to complex and mass tort litigation, including the defense of class actions and product and consumer claims, and the representation of companies in responding to subpoenas and other investigative and enforcement actions by state and federal administrative agencies. Ms. Baumgras regularly represents clients before state and federal courts and administrative boards in all phases of litigation, including arbitrations, mediations, hearing and trials. She has also briefed and argued a number of cases before the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals concerning both insurance and mass tort issues.

Ms. Baumgras is a 1995 graduate of the West Virginia University College of Law. She is admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia, the United States District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia, and the West Virginia Supreme Court and all West Virginia Circuit Courts. Ms. Baumgras is a member of the Judge John A. Field, Jr., American Inn of Court, National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators, and Kanawha County Bar Association.

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Buzz Belleville has been a law professor at the Appalachian School of Law since 2006. Prior to that, he spent 12 years as a business litigator and counselor with the well-respected law firms of Woods Rogers PLC in Blacksburg, Virginia and Calfee Halter & Griswold LLP in Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio. His practice focused on environmental litigation, commercial contract disputes, tort and product liability litigation and counseling businesses clients on ways to minimize liability. On behalf of a utility client, Professor Belleville obtained the first summary judgment in Ohio in defense of a premises liability asbestos claim, and participated in drafting significant asbestos reform legislation. He has also successfully negotiated and avoided multi-million dollar environmental claims on behalf of municipal and industrial clients.

Professor Belleville obtained a B.A. in Philosophy (with Honors) from Miami University, and a J.D. (with Honors) from the Ohio State University College of Law.

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Mr. Benincasa received his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1995. He received his Bachelor of Arts in History and Politics from Washington and Lee University in 1992, where he graduated *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa.

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Horizon Natural Resources, LLC, Ashland Coal, Inc. and Cyprus Coal Company, and his practice has primarily been in the areas of real property, M & A, contracts and litigation.

Mr. Colley received his B.A. from Berea College in 1969, and his J.D. from the University of Kentucky in 1974. Between college and law school, Mr. Colley served in the U.S. Army as a medic at the United States Military Academy at West Point. After law school, Mr. Colley served as a law clerk and later Staff Attorney for the Kentucky Supreme Court, and was engaged in private practice from 1977 through 1981 with the firm of Denham & Nagle in Middlesboro, Kentucky. Mr. Colley is a member of the American, Kentucky and Virginia Bar Associations.

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Michael O. Conley is a graduate of Morehead State University, where he earned both a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree (BBA) and a Master of Business Administration Degree (MBA). Mike is a Certified Professional Landman and an active member, as well as past president of the American Association of Professional Landmen (AAPL), and has chaired and served on a number of its committees, including having served as Chairman and President of AAPL's Educational Foundation and its Executive Committee. Mike has also served as Treasurer for that organization from 1996-97 and first Vice President from 2000-2001. Mike was elected President of AAPL and served in that capacity from 2001-2002. Mike has also served multiple terms on the Board of Directors of AAPL representing the Appalachian Association of Professional Landmen. Mike is a member of the Energy and Mineral Law Foundation (EMLF) and has served on EMLF's Executive Committee and currently serves as a member of the EMLF Board of Trustees.

Mike is a member of the Kentucky Oil and Gas Association (KOGA) and also serves as a member of its Board of Directors. As a member of KOGA, he participated, along with representatives of both KOGA and the Kentucky Coal Association (KCA), and other oil and gas and coal parties to draft proposed legislation for Kentucky for permitting the drilling of coalbed methane wells. He is a member of the East Kentucky Independent Oil and Gas Association (EIOGA) and is a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE), the East Kentucky Chapter.

Mike is an active member of the Appalachian Association of Professional Landmen where he has served as Second Vice President, First Vice President, and two terms as its President. Mike has served multiple terms on the Association's Board of Directors, and has served as the Association's National Director. He was the recipient of the Appalachian Association's Distinguished Service Award in 1994 and again in 2002 and has served on numerous committees of that Association, including his past tenure as the chairman of the Ethics and Awards Committees.

Mike is employed by Kentucky River Properties LLC (KRP), as its Land Agent and serves as Vice President and a member of the Board of Directors of KRCC Oil & Gas, LLC, a wholly owned entity of Kentucky River Properties LLC. In his official capacity with KRP, Mike is responsible for coordinating and monitoring the company's oil and gas interest and operations and its timber management program and timber operations occurring on the properties. These responsibilities include oversight of joint venture agreements, operating

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Prior to his current employment with KRP, Mike was a Field Agent with Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company, an affiliate of Equitable Resources, Inc. from 1976-1984, where his responsibilities included negotiations with land owners for the acquisitions of oil and gas leases and the purchase and acquisition of pipeline right-of-ways, road right-of-ways, oil tank sites and oil and gas well drilling sites.

Mike holds an honorable discharge from the United States Army and is a graduate of the Kentucky National Guard Officer Candidate School and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve Quarter Master Corps. He is a past President of the Martin Kiwanis Club of Martin, Kentucky, is a 32nd Degree Mason and is currently serving as Master of John Wesley Hall Masonic Lodge 950 F&AM of Martin, Kentucky. He attends the Allen Christ United Methodist Church and has one son, Michael Patrick Conley, who is a first year practicing attorney in Hindman, Kentucky.

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Matt Conrad is Senior Vice President, Oil & Gas Division of Marshall Miller & Associates in Kingsport, Tennessee. He is a petroleum geologist with over 19 years of diverse exploration and development experience in conventional and coaled methane (CBM) reservoirs. He has worked in a variety of geologic settings including CBM resource assessment and evaluation in the central and northern Appalachian Basin, Cherokee Basin, Deep River Basin, Eastern Shelf and Arkoma Basin area of Oklahoma, Forest City Basin, Illinois Basin, Richmond Basin, San Juan Basin, Valley Coal Fields, and Western Canada.

Mr. Conrad also has a wide range of work experience mapping conventional oil and gas reservoirs. Major areas of expertise include regional mapping of the Pennsylvanian, Mississippian and Devonian-Age classic reservoirs, as well as Mississippian and Slur-Devonian Age carbonates in the Appalachian and Illinois Basins. Mr. Conrad has also evaluated conventional oil and gas reservoirs in the Mid-Continent region.

Mr. Conrad has gained significant practical work experience in CBM production and drilling in the central Appalachian Basin. As the project geologist for Equitable Production Company, he was involved in the initiation and development of the Nora CBM Field, Virginia (350 Bcf proved reserves), including the drilling of over 400 CBM wells. Later as Senior Geologist, he led the exploration and development efforts in southern West Virginia including the leasing of over 55,000 acres and drilling of 35 commercial CBM wells. Additionally, he has been involved in several acquisition evaluations for CBM and conventional reserves.

Mr. Conrad currently oversees the oil & gas and CBM activities at MM&A. His primary responsibilities at MM&A include supervising regional CBM evaluations, evaluating conventional oil and gas properties, assisting in reserve evaluations, providing due diligence support for company acquisitions and developing new business opportunities. He also manages the professional staff at our Kingsport, Tennessee office.

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Joseph W. Craft, III is the President and Chief Executive Officer of both Alliance Resource Management GP, LLC, the managing general partner of Alliance Resource Partners, L.P., and Alliance GP, LLC, the managing general partner of Alliance Holdings GP, L.P.

Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. (NASDAQ: "ARLP") is a diversified producer and marketer of steam coal to major United States utilities and industrial users. ARLP, the nation's only publicly traded master limited partnership involved in the production and marketing of coal, is currently the fourth largest coal producer in the eastern United States with operations in all major eastern coalfields. ARLP currently operates eight underground mining complexes in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland and West Virginia. Additional information about the company can be found at its web page www.arlp.com.

Alliance Holdings GP, L.P. (NASDAQ: "AHGP") is a limited partnership formed to own and control Alliance Resource Management GP, LLC, the managing general partner of ARLP, through which it holds a 1.98% general partner interest and the incentive distribution rights in ARLP. In addition, AHGP owns 15,544,169 common units of ARLP. Additional information about the company can be found at its web page www.ahgp.com.

Mr. Craft holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Kentucky. Mr. Craft also is a graduate of the Senior Executive Program of the Alfred P. Sloan School of Management at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mr. Craft joined MAPCO Inc. in September 1980 as Assistant General Counsel. In December 1982 he was promoted to Vice President and General Counsel for MAPCO Inc. In June 1985 he was promoted to Senior Vice President – Legal and Finance and Chief Financial Officer for MAPCO Inc. Mr. Craft was named President of MAPCO Coal Inc. on November 1, 1986.

Mr. Craft has served as Past Chairman, National Coal Counsel (1994-1996); Director, National Mining Association; Member, Center for Energy and Economic Development (CEED); and the Kentucky Governor's Coal Marketing and Export Council.

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Kevin Douglass is a shareholder in the Litigation Services Group of Babst, Calland, Clements and Zomnir, P.C. He is the vice-chairman of the Litigation Services Group, a chairman of the firm's Associate Review Committee, and the coordinator of the firm's paralegals.

Kevin has two decades of experience litigating complex commercial litigation matters. He regularly represents clients in director/officer liability cases, restrictive covenant/trade secret matters, employment and other contract issues, shareholder and partnership disputes, leasing and real estate cases, product liability, as well as construction and environmental actions.

Mr. Douglass has served as lead counsel on cases in a wide variety of forums including the state, federal and bankruptcy courts of Pennsylvania, West Virginia and several other states. He also has participated in numerous forms of alternative dispute resolution including mediation, mini-trials and arbitration. Notable cases litigated by Mr. Douglass include the successful defense of the former chief financial officer of a billion dollar entity in numerous cases, including class actions, in multiple forums. He obtained a 3.3 million dollar judgment, plus attorneys' fees, on behalf of a corporate officer in a complex contract action. In addition, Mr. Douglass secured the rare appointment of a corporate custodian after a protracted hearing in federal court exposing the corporate owners' fraudulent activities. He also obtained a punitive damage award for a client following a jury trial involving trade secret violations.

Mr. Douglass graduated magna cum laude from Mount Union College with honors in History in 1983. He earned his J.D. at Duquesne University School of Law in 1986 where he was a member of the Duquesne Law Review and served as an intern with Judge David W. Craig in Pennsylvania's Commonwealth Court.

Mr. Douglass is admitted to practice in both Pennsylvania and West Virginia, as well as in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania and the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He has also been admitted pro hac vice in numerous state and federal courts.

Mr. Douglass is a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Energy & Mineral Law Foundation, and an active member of the Allegheny County, Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations. He is the immediate past chair of the Allegheny County Bar Association Court Rules Committee. Among his civic activities, Mr. Douglass is Vice-Chair and Secretary of the British-American Business Council's Pittsburgh chapter. In addition, he is a member of the Western Pennsylvania Animal Rescue Leagues' Board of Directors. In 2005, he served as Co-Chair of a wine tasting event raising \$150,000.00 for Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

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Together with other members of the Firm he has represented the coal industry in *Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition v. Bulen*, 429 F. 3d 493 (4th Cir. 2005); *Kentuckians for the Commonwealth v. Riverburgh*, 317 F.3d 425 (4th Cir. 2003); *West Virginia Coal Association v. Bragg*, 248 F.2d 275 (4th Cir. 2001), three major cases interpreting the Clean Water Act and the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act. He has been part of the litigation team in two cases that have established the ownership of coal bed methane, *EDC v. Moss*, 591 S.E.2d 135 (W.Va. 2003) and *U.S. Steel v. Hoge*, 468 A.2d 1380 (Pa. 1980).

Prior to joining the firm in 2001 Mr. Gardner served as vice president of external affairs and assistant general counsel for Arch Coal, Inc. where he counseled the company's operations on environmental matters for 15 years. He has also directed the company's legislative strategy in the 1992 congressional enactment of Coal Industry Retiree Health Benefits (Rockefeller) Act.

Other significant cases in which he has participated as counsel include *Arch Mineral Corporation v. Babbitt*, 104 F.3d 660 (4th Cir. 1997); *Arch Mineral Corporation v. Lujan*, 911 F.2d 408 (10th Cir. 1990); and *Environmental Defense Fund v. EPA*, 636 F.2d 1264 (D.C. Cir. 1980).

Mr. Gardner is a 1974 graduate of Brown University and a 1977 graduate of the University of Virginia Law School. He is on the Board of Directors of the Energy and Mineral Law Foundation and has previously served as the director of national and state trade associations of the coal industry.

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In addition to representing natural gas companies, Mr. Gottlieb specializes in complex, high-dollar commercial litigation representing energy companies, financial institutions, and other major corporations. Among his recent activities have been:

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- ∞ Representing major natural gas producers in regulatory and permitting proceedings before the West Virginia Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, the West Virginia Shallow Well Commission and the Coalbed Methane Review Commission.
- ∞ Representing natural gas local distribution companies and other utilities before the West Virginia Public Service Commission.
- ∞ Representing entities acquiring and developing the Marcellus Shale and related gathering systems.

Mr. Gottlieb attended Warwick University in Coventry, England and received a B.A. from Tulane University and a J.D. from Washington and Lee University. Mr. Gottlieb is admitted to the West Virginia and District of Columbia Bar and to practice before all West Virginia Courts along with the Fourth, Fifth and District of Columbia U.S. Courts of Appeal. Mr. Gottlieb is a member of the Board of Trustees and former officers of the Energy & Mineral Law Foundation and a member of the Legal Committee for the West Virginia Oil & Natural Gas Association.

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He previously founded and served as President of Kelly Public Strategies, LLC, a highly successful government relations and public affairs consulting firm specializing in energy, environmental, economic and national security policy issues. He has served as Executive Director of the Alliance for Climate Strategies and of the FBI Agents Association. He has advised major domestic and international consulting firms, wireless telecommunications service providers and natural resources development trade associations.

Kelly is widely recognized for his experience as a public policy advocate, public relations executive, key congressional aide and outside advisor to the White House and various government agencies. With a decade of experience as a congressional aide, his expertise is frequently sought after to span the bridge between desired policy objectives and political realities. He maintains a network of strong bi-partisan relationships with key government and policy leaders established by years of close working cooperation and trust.

Kelly served with distinction as the Chief Executive Officer of the Global Climate Coalition, a leading energy and environmental advocacy coalition/trade association that achieved all of its desired public policy objectives. He subsequently headed an energy consulting practice at Qorvis Communications, a leading DC-based public affairs firm.

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In 1999, Joe helped form Americans for Balanced Energy Choices (ABEC), a national nonpartisan, non-profit group of community leaders that support balanced energy and environmental policies and the federal, state and local levels. Since its launch, ABEC has grown to represent nearly 75,000 community leaders who believe that meeting America's growing demand for electricity does not have to come at the expense of the environment.

A native of Kentucky, Joe began his career with the Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals where he developed and managed the agency's outreach programs. In 1988, he moved to the Washington area and took a position as the principal spokesperson for the Mine Safety and Health Administration. He later joined the staff of a Member of Congress where he worked on a variety of energy issues including the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. In 1992, he took a position with the Office of Consumer and Public Affairs at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) where he had responsibility for managing the public affairs portfolio for DOE's energy programs.

While at the Department of Energy, Joe also served as an assistant to the Secretary of Energy. He advised the Secretary on strategic communications projects and played a key role in many of DOE's ongoing domestic and international initiatives.

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Lyons received the State Export Award for Kentucky and was acknowledged as the leader of one of the top 100 fastest-growing high-tech companies by *World Trade Magazine*. He was the Kentucky recipient of the Entrepreneur of the Year in 1993. Lyons has been recognized for his contribution to science and industry and has been awarded honorary doctorates from the University of Plymouth, England, and Heriot-Watt University, Scotland. His alma mater, National University of Ireland, Dublin, selected Lyons as one of its honorary doctorates on the occasion of its 150th anniversary. Recently, he was recognized as one of the top 15 Irish-American life scientists of the year by Biolink USA-Ireland. He has authored more than 20 books and numerous research papers in scientific journals.

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