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THURSDAY MORNING

Presiding Officer:

Bernard Nelson, Internal Revenue Service, Houston, TX

8:00 a.m. **Registration Opens**

Includes continental breakfast.

8:35 a.m.

Welcoming Remarks

Keith M. Jones, LMSB, Industry Director, Natural Resources & Construction, Internal Revenue Service, Houston, TX

8:45 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

Opening Address: The State of the Industry

John C. Felmy, Chief Economist, American Petroleum Institute, Washington, DC

Capital Cost Recovery and Other Current **Developments in Domestic Tax Issues**

Section 199 issues; inventory issues; regulations on the capitalization of intangibles; environmental remediation; refracting; refining turnarounds; new R&D credit; proposed energy tax legislation.

Moderator: Thomas L. Evans, Washington, DC Stephen E. Comstock, Washington, DC John F. Eiman, Houston, TX Ellen MacNeil, Washington, DC Christine M. Smith, San Ramon, CA Kenneth W. Telchik, Dallas, TX

11:00 a.m.	Break

11:15 a.m.

1.25 hrs

International Taxation: Transfer Pricing **Issues and Other Basic International Tax** Issues Relating to the Oil and Gas Industry

Application of transfer pricing services regulations and cost sharing regulations to the oil and gas industry; other transfer pricing issues; Subpart F developments; other international taxation developments of general interest.

Moderator: Ken Wood, Washington, DC Rocco V. Femia, Washington, DC M. Annette Glod, Houston, TX Steven A. Musher, Washington, DC Steven C. Wrappe, Washington, DC

Break

12:30 p.m.

Luncheon Presentation

12:45 p.m. Pick Up Box Lunch Included in conference registration fee.

1:00 p.m. A View from the IRS

Frank Y. Ng, Internal Revenue Service, Washington, DC

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer: Michael L. Platner, American Petroleum Institute, Washington, DC Presiding Officer: To Be Announced

2:15 p.m.

1.50 hrs

1.25 hrs

Partnership Issues Affecting the Oil and Gas Industry

Definition of a partner for tax purposes; application of partnership compensatory interest proposed regulations to the oil and gas industry; anti-abuse case law, including the Castle Harbour decision; other partnership tax developments affecting the oil and gas industry.

Moderator: Paul Kugler, Washington, DC Thomas Crichton IV, Dallas, TX Christopher T. Kelley, Washington, DC Heather C. Maloy, Washington, DC Gregory V. Nelson, Houston, TX

Break

3:30 p.m.

CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS

3:45 p.m. Session A.

International Taxation: Advanced Topics Involving the Foreign Tax Credit

Technical taxpayer regulations; anti-foreign tax credit generator regulations; Guardian Industries court decision; dual capacity regulations redux; and FOGEI/ FORI redux.

Moderator: Rebecca I. Rosenberg, Washington, DC Hal J. Hicks III, Washington, DC Bethany Ingwalson, Washington, DC Nancy Johnson, Dallas, TX Edward C. Osterberg Jr., Houston, TX David A. Werman, Houston, TX

3:45 p.m.

Session B.

.75 hr

The ABC's of Oil and Gas Taxation: Pool of Capital Doctrine, Economic Interest, and Depletion

Reexamining the basic concepts of pool of capital, economic interest, and depletion in light of current oil and gas transactions.

Moderator: R. Richard Coston, Houston, TX Noah Baer, Washington, DC Joseph H. Makurath, Washington, DC Robert A. Swiech, Houston, TX Jeffery M. Wright, Houston, TX

5:15 p.m.

8:00 a.m.

Adjourn to Reception

FRIDAY MORNING

Presiding Officer: Carl Boetticher, Hunt Oil Company, Dallas, TX

8:00 a.m. **Conference Room Opens**

Includes continental breakfast.

1.25 hrs ethics

1.50 hrs

Professional Responsibility and Ethics Issues

Lawyers' and CPA ethics rules; tax return preparer regulations; Circular 230 update; tax shelter update; whistleblower legislation; OECD Intermediaries Project.

Moderator: Phillip L. Mann, Washington, DC Michael J. Desmond, Washington, DC Carolyn Hinchman Gray, Washington, DC Richard A. Husseini, Houston, TX Catherine Lueck Zabel, Houston, TX

9:15 a.m.

1.50 hrs

1.25 hrs

Recent Litigation, Controversy, and Compliance Issues in the Oil and Gas Area

Case law developments; alternative dispute resolution developments; LMSB's Industry Issues Focus; IRS approach to M-3, FIN 48, and Section 199 audits; other issues.

Moderator: Emily A. Parker, Dallas, TX Ronnie L. Desbrow, Houston, TX Ben K. Hyde, Dallas, TX Keith M. Jones, Houston, TX Kevin L. Kenworthy, Washington, DC Gary L. Thompson, Houston, TX

Break

10:30 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

1.00 hr

Production Payments and Other Financing Arrangements for Oil and Gas Transactions

Current issues involving the taxation of production payments as a financing device for oil and gas transactions; cross-border arbitrage financings; earnings strippings transactions.

Moderator: Byron Ratliff, Houston, TX Roger D. Aksamit, Houston, TX Anne Devereaux, Washington, DC Michael J. McGoldrick, Philadelphia, PA David Silber, Washington, DC

11:45 a.m.

.75 hr

Acquisitions and Disposition of Oil and **Gas Properties**

This panel will discuss the tax consequences of the acquisition and disposition of oil and gas properties, with a focus on like-kind exchanges and other current trends in structuring oil and gas transactions.

Moderator: William H. Caudill, Houston, TX Mark McArthur, Houston, TX Amy Pfalzgraf, Washington, DC Kevin Thomason, Dallas, TX Paper by Sam Merrill, Dallas, TX

12:30 p.m.

Adjourn

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Registration & Cancellation

October 17, 2007-5 p.m. last day for early registration add \$50 for registrations received after this time

October 19, 2007-5 p.m. last day for full refund

October 22, 2007-5 p.m. last day for partial refunds \$50 processing fee applied

October 25, 2007-8:35 a.m. conference begins

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