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## Tribute to John Lowe on His Retirement

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## TRIBUTE TO JOHN LOWE ON HIS RETIREMENT

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**J**OHN Lowe can teach anything and make it exciting. His enthusiasm for the subjects he teaches is infectious. His ability to explain complex concepts in an accessible and entertaining way makes him a favorite among students and lawyers. He has taught thousands of practicing lawyers in continuing legal education programs in addition to thousands of students. He is revered by the students and lawyers he has taught.

John is a kind and generous person who has shepherded and promoted the careers of his students and of many young lawyers. I was most fortunate to be one of those young lawyers. I am forever thankful for the day that I introduced myself to John and told him I wanted to teach. John, on his own, remembered that introduction and took it upon himself to actively assist me through the years in my professional pursuits.

John is one of those gems in legal academia who can teach, write, philosophize, and lawyer, without losing the human connection with those he teaches and works alongside. He loves what he does, and that positive energy is shared with all who interact with him.

John's extensive scholarship has contributed much to modern legal thought. He has been at the forefront of major events impacting oil and gas law, such as the advent of federal natural gas regulation and the rise of "energy law." He has played a major role in shaping and understanding these subjects since their inception. A page in the history of oil and gas law is being turned with John's retirement. He has contributed so much to that discipline. A page in the history of legal academia is being turned as well. John is one of those great teachers who will be forever fondly remembered by his students.

As John embarks on retirement, I wish him and Jackie all the best. You will be missed by those you have taught and worked with—but never forgotten. Godspeed, my friend.

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