Book Review: Thirteenth Annual Institute on Mineral Law

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The Thirteenth Annual Institute on Mineral Law, edited by Professor George W. Hardy III, of Louisiana State University, has arrived from the Bayou State. Although a modest appearing volume, it quite concisely and lucidly presents discussion of pertinent developments in mineral law in Louisiana during the past year, as well as discussion of selected problems. In addition to Recent Jurisprudence, the volume is divided into six major areas: State Taxation of the Petroleum Industry; The Mortgage of Mineral Rights and Contracts in Louisiana; Right, Capacity and Authority To Enter Into Mineral Transactions; Miscellaneous Louisiana Lease Clauses; Some Problems Concerning Legal Relations Between the Unit Operator and Other Participants in the Unit; and Production in Paying Quantities—A New Look at an Old Subject.

The Institute might be mildly criticized because discussion is primarily oriented to Louisiana law. However, mineral law developments in common law states are adequately discussed elsewhere, and for those of us that have delved with some trepidation into Louisiana mineral law, the Institutes have proven a godsend. This volume is no exception.

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