

Memo

To: Shale Gas & LNG Spring 2015
From: Professor Sakmar
Date: March 7, 2015
Re: Topic Proposal and Paper Guidelines
Due Date: TOPIC PROPOSAL DUE MARCH 23, 2015 PAPER due MAY by 5:00 p.m.

TOPIC PROPOSAL/ABSTRACTS – DUE NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015

See sample abstract OR you may choose to submit an outline. Limit - 1-2 pages. You may turn in your proposal anytime before March 23.

PAPER GUIDELINES – PAPER DUE MAY 13, 2015 BY 5:00 P.M.

Length: 15 pages total - Including footnotes so includes all text both above & below the line.

Format:

- 11 or 12 pt font for main text - double-spaced
- 9 or 10 pt font for footnotes – single spaced
- Page numbers at lower right
- Page length does NOT include title page, abstract, table of contents or Appendix. BUT, please do not load up the Appendix with a lot of material that really should be in the main text. I will review the Appendix but will NOT consider it an extension of your paper!

Writing Competition Format: IF you are submitting your paper to any writing competition (e.g. AIPN student contest), you may use whatever format is called for by the competition.

Citations: Bluebook (or similar style manual)

You do not need to worry about the minor details that much of the Bluebook is focused on (e.g. commas, font style, etc). In general, most of your cites will follow the following format: Author, *Document Title*, Publication, Date, website. The following are a few examples of acceptable citations:

Susan L. Sakmar, *Global Shale Gas Initiative: Will The United States Be The Role Model For The Development of Shale Gas Around The World?* 33 Houston Journal of Int'l Law 369 (2011), available at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1927593>.

Susan L. Sakmar, *Politics and US LNG Export Projects Heat Up*, Natural Gas & Electricity Journal, 29:1-9, Wiley Periodicals, Oct. 2012, available at <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/gas.21636/abstract>

Footnotes: Footnotes (not endnotes)

Sources: Should include 1-2 law review articles (unless your topic does not have any) and/or some other legal sources (regulations, statutes etc.)

Due Date and How to Turn In: Due MAY at 5:00 p.m.

Hard Copy Turn in to Melissa by 5 p.m.
Email to: Prof. Sakmar –susansakmar@globalgaslaw.com
Melissa Fleet - mfleet@central.uh.edu

Please turn in a hard copy of your paper to Melissa who will arrange to get them to me in San Francisco. Please also email a copy to both of us.

NO DOUBLE DIPPING: UHLC has a “no double dipping” policy that STUDENTS are responsible for adhering to. This is in the Student Handbook. In general, the guidelines I have been given are as follows:

3. Duplicate Credit Prohibition

Students may not receive credit for one research and writing project by submitting it for credit more than once. This means that the same paper cannot be used for two seminars, for law review and for a seminar, for Special Research and Writing and a seminar, etc.

g) The paper may not previously have been submitted to any other instructor in connection with any other course at the Law Center or elsewhere, nor may research have been done in whole or in substantial part in connection with a student's outside employment.

Past Paper Topics

Paper Topic: Helping China Avoid the Growing Pains of the U.S. Shale Gas Revolution

Paper Topic: This paper will attempt to delineate the roles and responsibilities of the major players in British Columbia's proposed LNG export project, namely the federal and provincial government, the affected First Nations, and the prospective LNG companies.

Paper Title: Can the Eagle Ford Shale Success Be Duplicated Elsewhere? (or, How to Throw a Successful Shale Gas Boom!)

Paper Title: Bolivia: Shale Gas Potential and Legal Constraints

Paper Title: Think Globally, Regulate Locally?

The paper will focus on success of local preemption over state and federal regulations of hydraulic fracturing, with particular emphasis on efforts in NY to promote development activities.

Paper Title: The Wild West: The U.S. Regulatory Framework on Shale Gas as a Model for Global Shale Gas Development

Paper Topic: Hydraulic Fracturing and Drinking Water Supply Protection

The paper will examine drinking water safety issues surrounding hydraulic fracturing operations from the lens of federal regulation.

Paper Title: Global Hurdles in Replicating the U.S. Success

I would like to evaluate the prospect of the United States having a competitive advantage in exporting LNG compared to global markets.

Paper Title: A Bridge Over Troubled Waters: Use (and Abuse?) of Freshwater Resources in Texas Natural Gas Recovery Operations