

**COLORADO BAR ASSOCIATION
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY LAW SECTION
MONTHLY CLE LUNCHEON**

Friday, March 12, 2010

12:00 Noon - Lunch

Denver Petroleum Club at the Denver Athletic Club

1325 Glenarm Place, Denver, CO

Parking is available in the Club's parking garage for \$5.00

SPEAKER:

Chris Richardson *

TOPIC:

"Acquiring Oil and Gas Assets from a Distressed Seller"

Submitted for one (1) general credit.

The cost of the luncheon is \$25.00 for section members (Seniors over 62, \$21.00, and students and law clerks, \$10) and \$30.00 for non-members. The first 5 students who RSVP and show up in person, will be admitted free of charge, as guests of the Section.

SPACE IS LIMITED – PLEASE PRE-REGISTER

Reservations must be received no later than Noon on **Wednesday, March 10, 2010**. To RSVP, call the Colorado Bar Association reservation line at (303) 860-1115 x727, or register by sending an e-mail to lunches@cobar.org. Please specify if you prefer if a vegetarian lunch. If you call our reservation line, please spell your name and specify the name of the program you wish to attend. All cancellations or no-shows after Noon on **Wednesday, March 10, 2010** will be charged the cost of the luncheon.

* **Chris Richardson** is a partner in the Corporate Finance & Acquisitions Group and the Natural Resources Group at Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP in Denver. His corporate practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions and financing work, primarily in the purchase and sale of privately held companies. Many of his transactions have been in connection with leveraged buyouts and buildups of platform or portfolio companies, as well as acquisitions and sales of oil and gas and mining companies. He also has significant financing experience and has represented resource based companies, refineries, institutional lenders and

equity participants in loan and restructuring matters.

Chris has represented various oil and gas companies in acquisitions and divestitures, as well as recapitalizations over the years. Chris has also represented western coal producers in various aspects of their operations. He has represented Rio Tinto Energy, Colowyo Coal Company, Peabody Energy, Westmoreland Coal, Triton Coal Company, Vulcan Capital Management, and Montana Power in matters ranging from utility bankruptcies, preparation of long-term coal supply agreements, joint-venture coal projects and in major purchase and sale transactions and structured financings.

Additionally, Chris has substantial creditors' rights experience and spent his first ten years as a full-time bankruptcy lawyer. He has worked with creditors, debtors and creditors committees in numerous Chapter 11 proceedings (Standard Metals, MiniScribe, Colorado-Ute Electric Association, Formus Communications, NII Holdings, Schwinn Bicycles, SemCrude, Teton Energy, among others), buying and selling companies and/or assets out of Chapter 11, as well as reorganizing or liquidating debtor companies. Recently, he represented a purchaser in successfully acquiring an oil and gas company in a competitive auction in a Delaware bankruptcy matter. He has lectured on acquisition agreements, deal structures, debtor-creditor issues, including the impact of bankruptcy on environmental laws, lessor-lessee relationships in bankruptcy, bankruptcy current developments, and Section 363 sales of assets in bankruptcy. Chris supports Duke basketball and works as managing partner of Davis, Graham & Stubbs in his spare time.