**Networking and Scholarship Opportunities 2020  
Natural Resources, Environmental, Energy, and Oil & Gas Law**

The Florida State University College of Law is a constituent law school member of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation (RMMLF). RMMLF is a large national nonprofit organization that “fosters the scholarly and practical study of the law concerning oil and gas, mining, energy, water, public lands, environmental protection, and related areas of natural resources law.”

Many of the members of RMMLF are law firms from around the country (not just from Rocky Mountain states), so when students attend RMMLF events they have the opportunity to network with attorneys from around the country who work in the legal fields listed above.

We encourage FSU students to take advantage of the opportunities that RMMLF offers to constituent law schools, which include funding for travel to RMMLF programs, scholarships, grants, and membership.

1. **Scholarships**

Students are strongly encouraged to apply for RMMLF tuition scholarships, awarded each year to deserving students. In the past three years, three FSU Law students have received scholarships in the amounts of $10,500, $6,300, and $3,625. There are a number of different kinds of scholarships, each with different criteria, but the application process is simple, and students complete only one application for all opportunities. Students that would improve the diversity of the RMMLF community are especially encouraged to apply, as one scholarship is specifically awarded to students from traditionally under-represented groups. Be on the lookout for an announcement later this fall with additional details.

Eligibility: A law student enrolled full time . . . who can demonstrate a commitment to study natural resources law or who is undertaking the study of natural resources law is eligible to apply for these tuition scholarships. Incoming LLM Students and JD 1Ls: If you have applied to [FSU Law], but have not yet been accepted, you may still apply for a scholarship, although scholarships will only be awarded for tuition at these schools. Scholarships may cover partial or full tuition costs. Criteria include the following:

• Potential to make a significant contribution to the field of natural resources law

• Academic ability

• Leadership ability

• Year in law school

• Financial need

Applications are typically due in late February for JD students and mid-March for LLM and SJD students. Full information is available here: <https://www.rmmlf.org/professors-and-students/scholarships>.

**Before you send your scholarship application** to RMMLF, please first e-mail it to Professor Shi-Ling Hsu ([shsu@law.fsu.edu](mailto:shsu@law.fsu.edu)). He will work with you to ensure that your application is as strong as it can be. Begin work on your application well in advance of the deadline, because you will need a letter of recommendation and other information that may take time to gather.

1. **RMMLF conferences and institutes**

Every year, RMMLF normally makes available to FSU Law $3,000 to reimburse students’ travel expenses (transportation and hotel) related to RMMLF institutes and conferences. These events cover a wide range of subject areas, from offshore drilling to updates in natural resource law, and they are attended by attorneys from around the country. They are a great networking and learning opportunity. RMMLF waives the registration fee associated with the conference.

Because of the Covid-19 crisis, all events in 2020 have either been postponed or converted to a virtual format. Several events are scheduled for 2021, but it remains uncertain whether they will take place. RMMLF will award travel funding, but it asks that students refrain from making travel plans until 14-28 days before the event. By then, RMMLF will know whether the event will be held, cancelled, or converted to a virtual format. Even virtually, however, RMMLF events are still very much worth the experience.

Students are eligible to attend the following events:

* Bankruptcy and Financial Distress in the Oil & Gas Industry: Legal Problems and Solutions (virtual)

October 21-23, 2020

* Young Natural Resources Professionals Coffee Break Series (virtual)

September 18 at 2:00 pm, October 16, November 20, and December 18 (times vary)

* Virtual Water Law Institute

November 19, 2020

* Federal Offshore Oil & Gas Leasing and Development

February 9-11, 2021, New Orleans, LA

* Young Professionals Breakfast and Oil & Gas CLE

February 11, 2021, Houston, TX

* Petroleum Marketing Attorneys Meeting

February 18-19, Houston, TX

* Public Land Law, Regulation, and Management

May 13-14, Santa Fe, NM

* Natural Resources Litigation

May 13-14, Santa Fe, NM

* 67th Annual Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute

July 15-17, 2021, Seattle, WA

To see more details on the available conferences go to <https://www.rmmlf.org/programs>.

To apply for travel funding, please read and complete the application found here: <https://www.rmmlf.org/-/media/Files/Professors-and-Students/cls-student-attendance-application-2020-fillable.pdf?la=en>, and email it to Professor Shi-Ling Hsu (shsu@law.fsu.edu). The events and dates listed at the end of the application are not accurate.The sooner you apply the better your chances of receiving funding.

1. **Grants for student networking with law firms**

You can apply for money for a networking event for your student organization and a local law firm or firms that practices in the RMMLF fields described above (oil and gas, energy, natural resources, etc.). Please run your application past Shi-Ling Hsu ([shsu@law.fsu.edu](mailto:shsu@law.fsu.edu)), before sending it so that we can be sure the application fits all of the criteria and so that we can know which networking events have been planned.

<https://www.rmmlf.org//-/media/Files/Professors-and-Students/studentnetworkingapppdf.pdf>

1. **Membership in RMMLF**

Full-time students can become Annual Members of the Foundation for free. Please see [https://www.rmmlf.org/membership](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.rmmlf.org_membership&d=DwMFAw&c=HPMtquzZjKY31rtkyGRFnQ&r=ztuzO0jC-NOp5-DiXNFMhiDAHnU4zQppwWLGg-tHfE4&m=lVY1v3W5DzX48JNyVWMLQ1yTpXl5676iVn-irHIbK_w&s=IQyXLevy_BJrk10UZg2KvL3cRQudjo-506DFUz_e1Y4&e=) for more information.