

PROFILE

Mr. Bates has sixteen years of natural resource management experience in Alaska, primarily dealing with general land status and title, oil and gas leasing, oil and gas lease administration (including ownership), and oil and gas unitization. Pirtle's resource management experience comes from various positions with the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) from 1988 thru 2006. During his tenure with the DNR he completed his bachelor's degree; received his landman certification from AAPL; worked abstracting land status and title; had broad exposure to the full range of natural resources managed by the DNR; and spent 1995 – 2006 in the Division of Oil and Gas in various staff and management positions within the leasing and lease administration units, ultimately serving as Deputy Director of the division from December 2005 thru December 2006.

- Certified Professional Landman - CPL # 56864
- American Association of Professional Landmen (AAPL)
- Alaska Association of Professional Landmen

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

12/05 to 12/06 - DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF OIL AND GAS

Managed the day-to-day operations of the division in meeting its statutory program obligations; encouraged the professional development of all division staff; managed current fiscal year's budget and assisted the Director in the development of the next fiscal year's budget; directly supervised the operations of the Units Section

12/03 to 11/05 -MANAGER, LEASE SALES AND LEASE ADMINISTRATION SECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF OIL AND GAS

Reviewed and analyzed unit agreements, unit decisions, oil and gas leases and their interrelationships; coordinated and participated in setting economic terms for competitive State oil and gas lease sales; conducted State oil and gas lease sales; performed final review of oil and gas title for leasing of state acreage; negotiated lease terms, lease amendments, etc. with lessees and joint lessors

9/00 to 12/03 -SUPERVISOR, LEASE SALES SECTION, STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF OIL AND GAS

Participated in setting economic terms for competitive State oil and gas lease sales; conducted State oil and gas lease sales; performed final review of oil and gas title for leasing of state acreage; negotiated lease terms with lessees and joint lessors

12/95 to 9/00 -STAFF MEMBER, LEASE ENFORCEMENT UNIT, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF OIL AND GAS

Issued and administered oil and gas leases; enforced lease provisions; adjudicated changes in lease status resulting from unit actions; negotiated amended lease terms; maintained and utilized various oil and gas lease databases; analyzed oil and gas lease data, designed reports, and reconciled discrepancies in data;

1/92 to 12/95 -ASSISTANT MANAGER, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTER

Managed the day-to-day operations of the Public Information Center; assisted the public in gathering information on and applying for use and/or acquisition of state resources

8/88 to 1/92 - STAFF MEMBER, TITLE SECTION, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF LAND

Adjudicated incoming state title; prepared title reports on state land; prepared reports and analysis of land status related to land trades, settlements, etc.

Education

Continuing Education -Alaska Association of Professional Landmen (AAPL), Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation (RMMLF), British Petroleum (BP), University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF), and Petroleum Technology Transfer Council (PTTC) – 1995 - 2004

Coursework: Continuing Education Courses (AAPL), Short Course – Oil and Gas Law (RMMLF), ASSETS (BP), Oil and Gas Industry Seminar (BP), Introduction to Petroleum Drilling and Production (UAF), Horizontal Drilling and Completion (PTTC), and Alaska Coalbed and Shallow Gas Resources (PTTC)

Bachelor of Arts Degree (Economics): University of Alaska Anchorage – May, 1991

Coursework: Petroleum Economics, Economics of Resources, Physical Geology, Business Management, Accounting, Advanced Technical Writing, Business Law, and History of Alaska

Technical Skills

- Title research and abstracts
- Lease ownership assignments
- Unitization, including applications for creation, expansion, contractions, and plans of exploration/development
- Lease acquisition