



**CHRIS COLVIN**

*Black Oak Exploration*

Chris Colvin is a Partner at Black Oak Exploration. A native of Lafayette, Louisiana and a graduate of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (ULL), Chris grew up surrounded by the oil & gas industry. The landscape of South Louisiana is littered with wells and the population is packed with offshore workers, land brokers, and company men and women. Chris planned to pursue a career in Oil & Gas Law after college graduation and took his first post-college job working for Acadian Land Services a Lafayette, LA land brokerage firm. He travelled all over the State of Louisiana, Texas and Mississippi and Kansas running title, drafting mineral histories, managing crews of field landmen; all the while negotiating and buying leases. He gained significant experience in the Haynesville Shale and witnessed the beginning of the U.S. shale play. The field work took him to Central Kansas, working for Samuel Gary Jr. & Associates, Inc. ("SGA"), where Chris decided to make land work his

career. He spent five years in the field for SGA and was then hired in-house as Landman, where he spent 7 years overseeing all operational Land functions for SGA.

Under Chris' leadership, the company leased or acquired over one million fee acres. He was instrumental in acquiring over half a million acres of 3D seismic permits, options, and data throughout Kansas and Nebraska. Chris managed and budgeted LOE, calculated working interests and net revenue interests, negotiated JOAs, JEAs, Farmin/Farmout Agreements, PSAs, Pooling Agreements, lease trades. He also managed a multi-rig drilling schedule, title attorneys, curing requirements on DTOs and DOTOs. Chris also managed the due diligence process for property acquisitions for the company. He also took on the issue of time delays in land updates from the field by rebuilding the Land Department's reporting structure. This decreased brokerage expenses and the time between updates from weeks to same-day results.

Chris is a Certified Petroleum Landman, a member of the American Association of Professional Landmen (AAPL) and sits on the AAPL Technology Committee. He is a member of the Denver Association of Professional Landmen (DAPL) and sits on the Leadership Committee for the Denver Petroleum Club's neXecutive group.

Chris holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and a Master of Science in Energy Management from the University of Colorado Denver Business School.

*DPC Director: 2018-present*