



February 9 - 13, 2026

# International Oil & Gas Contracts and Negotiations Core Course

Kempinski Nile Hotel  
Cairo, Egypt



Association of International  
Energy Negotiators



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## Course Faculty

Course Chair: **Harry W. Sullivan, Jr.**, Assistant General Counsel, Kosmos Energy; Executive Professor, Texas A&M School of Law, Dallas

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## Course Materials

Course presentation materials are available for download on the AIEN website. Printed materials will not be distributed. Wi-Fi will be available for attendees during the course if you would like to view the presentations from your laptop or tablet. Presentations will be added to the website as they are received.

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## Welcome Reception sponsored by



## Course Registration Desk

The registration desk, located in the Salon 3 Foyer at the Kempinski Nile Hotel, will be open throughout the course.

### Registration Hours

Monday, February 9 - Friday, February 13: 08:30 - 17:30

## Laptops & WiFi

Participants are encouraged to bring a laptop or tablet to access course materials and take notes. Wi-Fi and power strips will be provided.

## Dress Code

Business casual attire is recommended to support a comfortable and productive learning environment.

## Meals and Entertainment

Your course registration includes lunches, morning and afternoon refreshment breaks, and entrance to the Welcome Reception.

### Welcome Reception

- Held 18:00 - 20:00 Monday, February 9 in the Nile Ballroom.
- Beer, wine, nonalcoholic drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Come and enjoy great food, drinks and be prepared for plenty of networking!

### Morning and Afternoon Refreshment Breaks

- All refreshment breaks outlined in the course program will be held in the Salon 3 Foyer, outside the general session room.

### Lunches

- All lunches outlined in the course program will be held in The Blue Restaurant, located mezzanine floor.



## Course Program

### Monday, February 9, 2026

**09:00 – 09:30 Introduction, Opening Remarks and Overview of International Energy Industry**

**09:30 – 11:00 Confidentiality & Bidding Agreement Issues**

**Sullivan**

**Sharing of data and information without losing a competitive advantage is critical for International Energy Business**

- Review of the AIEN Model Form Confidentiality Agreement, which provides protection for valuable information and data that is shared with another company, and related issues
- Review of the AIEN Model Form International Study and Bid Group Agreement, which addresses the sharing of information and data, and other issues in creating a bidding group to acquire rights, and related issues

**11:00 – 11:15 Refreshment Break**

**11:15 – 12:30 Anti-Bribery, Corruption Laws and Sanctions Issues**

**Derman & Sullivan**

**Bribery and Corruption are among some of the biggest obstacles to success in the International Energy Business**

- Combatting bribery and corruption in international business transactions through a variety of treaties, conventions, and laws
- Business ethics and the principles found in anti-bribery and corruption laws
- Traps for the unwary

**12:30 – 14:00 Hosted Lunch**  
The Blue Restaurant

**14:00 – 15:00 International Dispute Resolution**

**Derman & Josefson**

**Resolving investment disputes through International Arbitration is the norm in the International Energy Business**

- Successful resolution of disputes between parties
- International arbitration -- an impartial private method of resolving disputes
- The specific clause required in a granting instrument to have access to the chosen dispute resolution method and enforce the resulting decision

**15:00 – 15:15 Refreshment Break**

**15:15 – 16:30 Service Agreement Issues**

**Reeder & Sullivan**

**Obtaining services and goods from third parties is standard practice in the International Energy Business**

- Services provided by service companies in support of the petroleum operations under granting instruments
- Examination of the main issues in service contracts, including warranty and cross-indemnity provisions

**16:30 – 18:00 Granting Instrument Issues**

**Josefson & Derman**

**Host countries utilize contractual granting instruments to enable the International Energy Business**

- Concessions
- Production sharing agreements
- Service agreements
- Joint ventures

**18:00 – 20:00 Welcome Reception**  
Nile Ballroom

### Tuesday, February 10, 2026

**09:00 – 10:30 Granting Instrument Issues (continued)**

**10:30 – 11:00 Refreshment Break**

**11:00 – 12:30 Granting Instruments Issues (continued)**

**12:30 – 14:00 Hosted Lunch**

**14:00 – 15:30 Granting Instruments Issues (continued)**

**15:30 – 16:00 Refreshment Break**

**16:00 – 17:00 Stabilization & Sovereign Immunity**

**Sullivan & Derman**

**These clauses have their own issues and concerns but they support investor and lender confidence.**

- Two of the more common investor protections found in host government contracts will be discussed in greater detail in this session.

**17:00 – 18:00 Implementing New Energy Solutions**

**Josefson & Reeder**

**The world today is in the midst of an energy transition as we strive for lower or no carbon alternative energy solutions.**

- This session will examine the energy transition and the issues being raised for the oil and gas industry.

### Wednesday, February 11, 2026

**09:00 – 10:30 Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) Issues**

**Sullivan & Reeder**

**Governance among co-venturers in the International Energy Business is regulated by contractual JOAs**

- Establishing the rights, duties, and obligations of coventurers in the same oil and gas contract area
- Review of the AIEN 2012 Model Form International Operating Agreement

**10:30 – 11:00 Refreshment Break**

**11:00 – 12:30 Joint Operating Agreement Issues (continued)**



## Course Program

### Wednesday, February 11, 2026 (continued)

- 12:30 – 14:00**     **Hosted Lunch**  
The Blue Restaurant
- 14:00 – 16:00**     **Joint Operating Agreement Issues (continued)**
- 16:00 – 16:15**     **Refreshment Break**
- 16:15 – 17:30**     **JOA Issues / Accounting Procedure**

### Thursday, February 12, 2026

#### Sullivan & Derman

- Review of the AIEN Accounting Procedure

- 09:00 – 10:30**     **Participation: Farmin/Farmout Agreement Issues**

#### Josefson & Derman

A Farmout is one method of transferring interests in granting instruments in the International Energy Business

- Using a farmout (participation) agreement to acquire an interest in an oil and gas granting instrument by performing or paying for specified work under the granting instrument
- AIEN Model Form International Farmout Agreement

- 10:30 – 10:45**     **Refreshment Break**

- 10:45 – 12:00**     **Sale and Purchase Agreement Issues**

#### Josefson & Derman

Sales of interests in granting instruments if common in the International Energy Business

- International purchase and sale of oil and gas interests
- Key provisions and risks of purchase and sale agreements for oil and gas assets

- 12:00 – 13:30**     **Hosted Lunch**  
The Blue Restaurant

- 13:30 – 15:45**     **Unitization Issues**

#### Derman & Sullivan

Joint development of shared reservoirs is through Unitization in the International Energy Business

- Development of oil and/or gas reservoirs by the owners of various contract areas as a single unit when they extend beneath more than one contract area
- Mechanics of unitization
- AIEN Model Form Unitization and Unit Operating Agreement

- 15:45 – 16:00**     **Refreshment Break**

- 16:00 – 17:00**     **Decommissioning Issues**

#### Reeder & Sullivan

End-of-use issues relating to petroleum activities is a concern in the International Energy Business

- Decommissioning as an adjunct obligation to the right to develop oil and gas

### Friday, February 13, 2026

- Review of contractual provisions related to decommissioning

- 09:00 – 10:30**     **Crude Oil Sales & Lifting Agreement Issues**

#### Josefson & Sullivan

Marketing of oil is fundamental to the International Energy Business

- How co-venturers share limited infrastructure to take, lift, and sell their individual shares of oil production.
- AIEN Model Form Lifting Agreement
- Contracts involved in the physical sale of crude oil

- 10:30 – 10:45**     **Refreshment Break**

- 10:45 – 12:00**     **Gas Sales Agreement Issues**

#### Sullivan & Reeder

Marketing gas is different than oil in the International Energy Business

- Differences between sales of natural gas and crude oil
- Mechanics of international sales of natural gas

- 12:00 – 13:30**     **Hosted Lunch**  
The Blue Restaurant

- 13:30 – 14:00**     **Gas Balancing and Transportation Issues**

#### Sullivan & Reeder

Gas sales have unique challenges in the International Energy Business

- Out of balance sales of natural gas to different customers, resulting in one party selling more than its participating interest share of natural gas production and the other selling less than its participating interest share
- Gas balancing agreements, which establish a method for restoring balance to each party's share of production
- Key concepts involved in natural gas transportation agreements

- 14:00 – 15:00**     **Overview of LNG**

#### Sullivan, Reeder & Josefson

LNG is a transportation method for natural gas in the International Energy Business

- LNG value chain
- Mechanics and contracts involved in developing an LNG export project

- 15:00 – 15:15**     **Refreshment Break**

- 15:15 – 17:00**     **Overview of LNG (continued)**

- 17:00**                 **Course Adjournment**