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**Work Boots, Not Wing Tips:**  
**Lawyer's Lessons from the Oil Rig**

*Texas Lawyer* has signed up Alan Bush as a freelance contributor. His latest article, "Work Boots, Not Wing Tips: Lawyer's Lessons from the Oil Rig," appeared in the *Out of Order: In House Texas* section on October 14.

Here's what Alan had to say about spending a day out on an oil rig:

A day on an oil rig does a lawyer a world of good, even on a hot July day in the Brazos Valley. I knew it from the second my boots hit the gravel. This wasn't cushy CLE, but I knew I'd learn a lot. Life in the oil patch isn't easy — neither is lawyering in the courtroom or the boardroom. But spending time with folks on that rig left me with some lasting lessons...

Read the [full article](#) for more. In it, Alan lays out what some oil patch lessons mean for law practice:

- Get out on the rig floors.
- Get your hands dirty.
- Feed a hungry client.
- Understand who is the rock star.
- Do it yourself.
- Cover your home front.



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