



Speaking

At DDI, we relish the opportunity to share our understanding of the oil and gas industry with others. Simply put, it is a *fascinating* industry, and we love to talk about it.

DDI's founder, Donovan Schafer, has seen the oil and gas industry from almost every angle. He has worked as a petroleum engineer, participated in policy and education efforts, studied the legal issues as a law student, and currently advises institutional investors on investments in oil and gas companies. As a result, he can discuss the industry's complex issues comprehensively, in a way that considers the various scientific, legal, and economic aspects.



"Donovan is a clear, concise and cogent thinker. He can articulate complicated concepts into easy to understanding stories that the average person can grasp. I've enjoyed listening to his ideas and his delivery of them."

-Bradley Beck, DTM (Toastmasters International - Distinguished Toastmaster)

Speaker Bio



After spending four years in the Marcellus Shale working as a petroleum engineer, DDI founder Donovan Schafer decided to combine his knowledge of petroleum engineering with his love of finance. He has since taken and passed the Level I and Level II CFA exams and is registered to take the Level III exam in June 2017.

Prior to entering the petroleum industry, Donovan received his undergraduate degree in electrical engineering at the University of Southern California, where he graduated *Cum Laude* and served as the president of the electrical engineering honor society.

During a brief stint at Berkeley Law School, Donovan became involved in oil and gas related policy work, publishing in the *Denver Business Journal* and the *Colorado Springs Gazette*, and delivered numerous talks and participated in debates on hydraulic fracturing and other oil and gas practices.

