

# Phillips Murrah Director Catherine Campbell successfully appeals client's \$4.3 million defamation jury verdict

Congratulations to Phillips Murrah Director [Catherine L. Campbell](#) on her successful appeal of a defamation jury verdict against former Oklahoma lawmaker, Wayne Pettigrew.



Catherine L. Campbell is a versatile and experienced appellate attorney whose practice is focused on commercial litigation and labor and employment matters.

A story about the verdict is featured in the [March 18 edition of the Oklahoman newspaper](#), which states:

*In the appeals court's 2-1 decision issued last month, Vice-Chief Judge Barbara G. Swinton wrote that the trial court failed to properly instruct the jury on what kind of defenses could overcome a defamation challenge and did not provide a list of the alleged defamatory statements.*

*"As a consequence, there is a high probability the jury was misled by these errors and reached a different result than they would have reached but for the error," Swinton wrote, reversing the decision.*

*Oklahoma's Supreme Court declined to hear the case on appeal. It will be sent back to the lower court for another trial.*

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