

Director Nikki Edwards lends expertise to United Way Board Serve class

[Nikki Edwards](#), Director in Phillips Murrah's Family Law Practice, recently spoke to [United Way of Central Oklahoma's Board Serve 2021 Class](#) on behalf of Positive Tomorrows, [an organization she's been active with for more than 20 years.](#)



Director Nikki Edwards (right) addresses United Way's 2021 Board Serve class alongside Susan Agel, President/CEO of Positive Tomorrows.

"When Susan Agel, President/CEO of Positive Tomorrows, asked me to join her as a presenter at the Board Serve Class, I didn't hesitate," Edwards said. "Susan and I shared an interactive discussion about board duties, fundraising, and conflicts of interest."

The Board Serve program hosts expert-led sessions to teach

leadership skills, governance, nonprofit law, and other skills to future board members of nonprofit agencies in the central Oklahoma area. Applicants for the program have the opportunity to be placed on a United Way partner agency's board for at least one year.

"We were asked to elaborate on Positive Tomorrow's highly successful capital campaign, raising over \$15 million, which funded the new, state-of-the-art school building," Edwards said. "United Way of Central Oklahoma has been a critical partnership to so many community agencies, including Positive Tomorrows, which could not survive without their financial support."

[Development for Positive Tomorrows' new facility initiated in 2018](#) after meeting its fundraising goal and opened in December 2019.

[Cassity B. Gies](#), Phillips Murrah Family Law Attorney, is a current member in the 2021 Board Serve Class.

"I practice alongside Cassity everyday, and it was meaningful for me to interact with her in a different professional capacity," Edwards said. "Mentorship and community service are personally so satisfying, so I was grateful for the opportunity to help educate our future Oklahoma community leaders and appreciate our law firm supporting Cassity's desire to spend some of her time in this way."

[Visit United Way of Central Oklahoma's website for more information on the Board Serve program's mission.](#)