



Melvin R. McVay, Jr.

DIRECTOR

Melvin McVay, Jr. is an experienced litigation and bankruptcy attorney with an emphasis on matters unique to the banking and oil and gas industry. His practice has included both defense and prosecution of class actions, mass tort liability, fraud, and anti-trust violations.

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PRACTICE AREAS

- Product Liability Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation
- Bankruptcy and Restructuring
- Antitrust Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Financial Institutions
- Insurance Defense and Coverage
- Financial Institutions Litigation

EDUCATION

- University of Missouri (B.S.)
- University of Tulsa (M.B.A.; J.D.)

ADMISSIONS

- Oklahoma
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth and Sixth Circuits
- U.S. District Court, Western, Eastern and Northern Districts of Oklahoma
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court, Southern District

BIOGRAPHY

Melvin R. McVay, Jr. is a founding member of Phillips Murrah and serves as a shareholder and Director in the Firm's Oklahoma City office. Mel also previously served on the Firm's Executive Committee and as the Chair of the Firm's Litigation Practice Group. He is also a member of the Firm's Commercial and Consumer Financial Services Practice Groups as well as the Natural Resources Group.

Mel has concentrated his practice in the litigation of complex business and commercial transactions. His practice covers a wide range of commercial and business litigation matters which regularly involve litigation relating to financial institutions, real estate, construction disputes, oil and gas, product liability, class actions and appellate advocacy. During his career, Mel has represented financial institutions and corporations in a variety of industries, in both state and federal courts, as well as in arbitration and administrative proceedings.

Mel has a Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ rating and has been listed as a Super Lawyers by Thomson Reuters for 13 years. He's been named Lawyer of the Year in Oklahoma City by Best Lawyers® in Litigation - Bankruptcy (2014) and Litigation - Banking and Finance (2022). Mel is also listed on Best Lawyers® in the areas of Banking and Finance Law, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, and Insurance Law and for Litigation in the areas of Real Estate, Bankruptcy, Banking and Finance, and Commercial Litigation.

Mel is an active member in his community and has served on the Board of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority since 2009.

EXPERIENCE

- Representation of individuals and companies in business and commercial litigation cases and arbitration proceedings
- Represents numerous banks, including the nation's second largest bank, as well as mortgage companies in both litigation and transactional matters. This has included representation involving foreclosures, lender liability claims, bankruptcy and regulatory disputes
- Represents the largest title company in the U.S. in various litigation cases
- Successfully litigated cases, in both state and federal court, involving foreclosures; class actions; mass tort liability; construction law; fraud; bad faith;

- of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, District of Arizona
- U.S. District Court, Central District of Utah
- U.S. Tax Court
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims

- RICO and oil and gas claims
- Represented numerous companies and individuals in bankruptcy and receivership proceedings in Oklahoma, Ohio, Texas, California, Massachusetts and New York
- Represented Fortune 500 Company in mass tort product liability cases
- Successfully defended commercial real estate developers regarding high-profile projects in various complex litigation matters
- Successfully represented professional sports team in a wide range of commercial litigation matters
- Represents one of America's largest trailer manufacturers in both litigation and transactional matters

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Oklahoma Bar Association
- Oklahoma County Bar Association
- American Bar Association (Business Law, Employment Law & Litigation Sections)
- Oklahoma Association of Defense Counsel

RECOGNITION

- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™
- Best Lawyers®: Lawyer of the Year in OKC: Litigation - Banking and Finance (2022)
- Best Lawyers®: Insurance Law (2021)
- Best Lawyers®: Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2020-present)
- Best Lawyers®: Banking and Finance Law (2018-present)
- Best Lawyers®: Litigation - Commercial Litigation (2011-present)
- Best Lawyers®: Litigation - Banking and Finance (2011-present)
- Best Lawyers®: Litigation - Bankruptcy (2011-present)
- Best Lawyers®: Litigation - Real Estate (2011-present)
- Super Lawyers by Thomson Reuters: (2006-2014, 2016-2021)
- Best Lawyers®: Lawyer of the Year in OKC: Litigation - Bankruptcy (2014)

PUBLICATIONS

- [Phillips Murrah announces 61 attorneys named to 2021 Best Lawyers lists](#)
- [Phillips Murrah announces 17 attorneys named to 2019 Super Lawyers list](#)
- [Phillips Murrah announces 48 attorneys named to 2020 Best Lawyers list](#)
- [Phillips Murrah announces 21 attorneys named to 2018 Super Lawyers list](#)
- [Phillips Murrah announces 44 attorneys named to 2019 Best Lawyers list](#)
- [Phillips Murrah attorneys selected as 2017 Super Lawyers](#)
- [Phillips Murrah announces 37 attorneys named to 2018 Best Lawyers list](#)
- [Firm hosts Halloween Party to raise money for Harvest Food Drive](#)
- [Phillips Murrah attorneys selected as 2016 Super Lawyers](#)
- [Phillips Murrah announces 35 attorneys named to 2017 Best Lawyers list](#)
- [Workouts a good option: Companies in financial hardship have alternative to bankruptcy](#)
- [Phillips Murrah announces 35 attorneys named to 2016 Best Lawyers list](#)
- [Phillips Murrah Attorneys Named to Oklahoma Super Lawyers](#)
- [29 Attorneys Selected for 2014 Edition of Best Lawyers](#)
- [McVay, McCaffrey named top Oklahoma banking attorneys](#)
- [Haupt, Henning, Campbell and Dolatabadi join firm](#)
- [McVay, Schovanec discuss changes to FMLA](#)
- [McVay Mentioned in Small Business Award Contest](#)