



## Robert O. O'Bannon

### DIRECTOR

Robert O. O'Bannon is a Director who represents business clients in a variety of transactional matters with an emphasis on taxation and wealth planning issues for both businesses and individuals.

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### PRACTICE AREAS

- Business Law
- Oil and Natural Gas Transactions
- Tax Controversy
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Private Wealth, Estate Planning and Business Succession
- Tax Law

### EDUCATION

- University of Oklahoma (B.A., 1976)
- Oklahoma City University (J.D., 1979)
- Boston University (LL.M., Taxation, 1980)

### ADMISSIONS

- 1979, Oklahoma
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Oklahoma
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Oklahoma
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Oklahoma
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit

### BIOGRAPHY

Robert O'Bannon is a Director and member of the Firm's Tax, Trusts and Estate Planning, Energy and Natural Resources and Corporate Law Practice Groups. He represents high net worth individuals and privately held companies in a wide range of transactional matters.

Robert is a successful tax attorney with extensive experience in all areas of corporate and tax law, including complex mergers and acquisitions, tax-free reorganizations and financing transactions for a variety of clients. His representation includes the structuring and federal and state tax implications of financing transactions through debt placement, and private placement offerings.

Robert was a member of the Phi Delta Phi honorary fraternity, while in law school. Born and raised in Des Moines, Iowa, Robert lives in Edmond, Oklahoma.

### EXPERIENCE

- Huber \$200 million financing transaction in southern Oklahoma
- Multiple private placement transactions for privately held oil and gas companies
- Represented privately-held companies in mergers and acquisitions of oil and gas properties and aggregate business
- W.H. Braum, Inc. v. Internal Revenue Service (U.S. Tax Court): Successfully represented Braum in a complex tax case
- Davenport v. Internal Revenue Service (U.S. Federal District Court): Successfully represented Davenport in a real estate valuation case
- Dolese v. Oklahoma Tax Commission: Successfully represented Dolese in a sales tax case involving quarries and sand plants

### EXPERTISE

- Complex mergers and acquisitions
- Tax-free reorganizations
- Financing transactions for a variety of privately held companies

### PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Oklahoma Bar Association
- Oklahoma County Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

- Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants

## RECOGNITION

- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™
- Best Lawyers®: Oil and Gas Law (2021)
- Best Lawyers®: Private Funds/Hedge Fund Laws (2020-present)
- Best Lawyers®: Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships) (2018-present)
- Best Lawyers®: Tax Law (2008-present)
- Super Lawyers by Thomson Reuters: Tax, Business/Corporate and Mergers & Acquisitions (2006, 2010)
- 405 Magazine Top Attorney in Business Law, Tax Law (2020-2021)

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Board of Directors - Dolese Bros. Co. (2013-Present)

## PUBLICATIONS

- [Phillips Murrah announces 61 attorneys named to 2021 Best Lawyers lists](#)
- [Phillips Murrah announces 48 attorneys named to 2020 Best Lawyers list](#)
- [Phillips Murrah announces 44 attorneys named to 2019 Best Lawyers list](#)
- [Phillips Murrah announces 37 attorneys named to 2018 Best Lawyers list](#)
- [In consideration of a living inheritance](#)
- [Valuation discounts under threat](#)
- [Phillips Murrah announces 35 attorneys named to 2017 Best Lawyers list](#)
- [2015 tax extenders - a PATH forward](#)
- [Phillips Murrah announces 35 attorneys named to 2016 Best Lawyers list](#)
- [Phillips Murrah celebrates Grand Opening of OCU Law School](#)
- [29 Attorneys Selected for 2014 Edition of Best Lawyers](#)