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DIRECTOR

Dawn M. Rahme is a Director and a member of the Firm's Executive Committee. She represents individuals and businesses in an array of transactional matters with a focus on assisting corporations, partnerships and individuals in general tax planning. In addition to tax law, Dawn is also experienced in general business and corporate matters, where she has advised clients on business organization matters as well as complex mergers and acquisitions.

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PRACTICE AREAS

- Business Law
- Tax Controversy
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Private Wealth, Estate Planning and Business Succession
- Tax Law

EDUCATION

- University of Tulsa (B.S.B.A., 1998)
- University of Oklahoma (J.D., 2001)
- New York University (LL.M, Taxation, 2002)

ADMISSIONS

- 2001, Oklahoma
- 2001, U.S. District Court, Western District of Oklahoma
- 2001, U.S. Tax Court

BIOGRAPHY

Dawn M. Rahme is a Director and a member of the Firm's Executive Committee. As a member of the Tax and Private Wealth and Corporate and Securities Law Practice Groups, she represents individuals and both privately-held and public companies in a wide range of transactional matters, including general tax planning for corporations, partnerships and individuals, as well as wealth transfer tax planning; local, state and federal taxation; and tax structuring of complex business transactions.

Dawn received her Masters of Law in Taxation at New York University School of Law. She has advised clients regarding corporate and general business matters, including choice of entity, reorganizations, dissolutions and tax planning with limited partnership, and limited liability companies. She has been involved in several complex mergers and acquisitions and frequently advises clients on the best structure to hold existing assets. She has also been involved in structuring private equity investments and helping entities qualify for state tax incentives. Dawn has successfully represented clients in disputes with the Oklahoma Tax Commission and the Internal Revenue Service.

Her practice also includes the area of trusts, estates and family wealth planning. In addition to drafting all types of estate planning documents, such as wills, trusts, advance directives and powers of attorney, she also utilizes a number of sophisticated wealth transfer tax planning techniques in her practice, including sales to grantor trusts and valuation discount planning. Dawn strategizes with clients' advisers, including financial planners, private banks, trust officers, accountants, insurance agents and other advisers to ensure a properly implemented plan.

Born and raised in Ponca City, Oklahoma, she lives in one of Oklahoma City's most celebrated historic neighborhoods. She is an active philanthropist who serves on the Best Friends of Pets board. She enjoys spending free time with family and friends and traveling.

EXPERIENCE

- Negotiated and organized business structures for individuals through large corporations
- Tax-deferred exchanges
- Structured asset ownership to accomplish state and federal tax objectives; valuation discount planning; asset protection; and asset management goals
- Represented businesses and individuals in asset sales and purchases, stock

sales and purchases, and other merger and acquisition transactions in various industries, including oil & gas, hospice, aggregate, motor vehicle, restaurant, and construction

- Resolved shareholder disputes and other corporate governance issues
- Implemented various sophisticated planning techniques to minimize wealth transfer taxes, including dynastic trusts

EXPERTISE

- Represents individuals and both privately-held and public companies in a wide range of transactional matters including: general tax planning for corporations, partnerships, and individuals; wealth transfer tax planning; Local, state and federal taxation; Tax structuring of complex business transactions
- Multi-generational wealth transfer and business succession planning

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Oklahoma County Bar Association
- Oklahoma Bar Association
- American Bar Association (Taxation and Business Law Sections)

RECOGNITION

- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™
- Best Lawyers®: Lawyer of the Year in OKC: Commercial Transactions/UCC Law (2020)
- Best Lawyers®: Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships) (2021)
- Best Lawyers®: Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2021)
- Best Lawyers®: Commercial Transactions / UCC Law (2018-present)
- Best Lawyers®: Trusts and Estates (2016-present)
- Best Lawyers®: Litigation and Controversy - Tax (2013-present)
- Best Lawyers®: Tax Law (2013-present)
- Super Lawyers by Thomson Reuters: Rising Star (2008-2015)
- The Journal Record's Oklahoma Leadership in Law award (2010)
- The Journal Record's 50 Women Making a Difference
- The Journal Record's Achievers Under 40
- OKCBiz's Forty Under 40
- 405 Magazine Top Attorney in Tax Law (2020)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Best Friends of Pets (Board Member, Secretary, 2012-present)
- Crown Heights-Edgemere Heights Neighborhood Association (Board Member, Block Captain Chair, 2013-2019)
- Oklahoma County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division (2008-2011)
- Positive Tomorrows (Board Member, 2008-2010)
- Possibilities (Board Member, 2009-2010)

PUBLICATIONS

- [Phillips Murrah announces 61 attorneys named to 2021 Best Lawyers lists](#)
- [OTC issues tax notice related to curbside or drive-through sales of packaged beer and wine](#)
- [State-by-State breakdown of COVID-19 tax relief to taxpayers](#)
- [Understanding Paid Sick Leave Tax Credits for Employers](#)
- [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](#)
- [Director's Woman of the Year honor shared in hometown newspaper](#)
- [50 Making a Difference profile: Dawn Rahme, J.D.](#)
- [Law & Oarder Rowing Team win at Regatta Festival](#)
- [Journal Record names three attorneys Woman of the Year](#)

- [Phillips Murrah announces 35 attorneys named to 2017 Best Lawyers list](#)
- [Phillips Murrah recognized as a Top Workplace by The Oklahoman](#)
- [Phillips Murrah attorneys support i2E 2015 BrewFest](#)
- [Taxing behavior](#)
- [Taxes and new businesses](#)
- [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](#)
- [U.S. News: Phillips Murrah has Strong Showing for Best Lawyers in America](#)
- [Leadership in Law profile: Dawn M. Rahme](#)