



Jim A. Roth

DIRECTOR

Jim Roth is a Director and Chair of the Firm's Clean Energy Practice Group. As a former Oklahoma Corporation Commissioner, Jim helps his energy clients navigate the regulatory environment encompassing new and existing energy technologies so they can accomplish their business and policy goals.

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PRACTICE AREAS

- Administrative Law
- Public Utilities
- Clean Energy Law
- Environmental Law
- Governmental Regulatory Law
- Oil and Natural Gas Transactions
- Government Relations and Compliance
- Telecommunications

EDUCATION

- Kansas State University (B.A., 1991)
- Oklahoma City University (J.D., 1994)
- Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government (Graduate, 2004)
- United States Air War College's National Security Forum (Graduate, 2004)
- The Institute of Public Utilities, Michigan State University (Graduate, 2007)

BIOGRAPHY

Jim Roth is a member of the Firm's Energy & Natural Resources Practice Group and a leader in clean energy issues. He represents individuals and both publicly-owned and private companies in a range of business, energy, and environmental issues, as well as a variety of public policy and regulatory matters.

The focus of Jim's practice continues to grow in the directions of clean energy and all public policy issues with energy and environmental implications. He often lectures on these related issues and currently serves as a Board Member to The American Clean Skies Foundation (a DC-based clean energy effort), a Board Member for TexCom, a Texas-based environmental services, publicly-traded company, and a Board Member for Global Innovation Platform, a Texas-based start-up and a comprehensive Internet of Things network orchestrator forging value from data produced within the built environment.

Hand-selected by Governor Brad Henry to serve as an Oklahoma Corporation Commissioner in 2007, Jim held the office through January 2009 when he joined Phillips Murrah. He was first elected County Commissioner for Oklahoma County in 2002 and, in 2006, was the first re-elected County Commissioner in over a decade.

Additionally, on July 1, 2018, Jim began serving as the Dean of the Oklahoma City University School of Law, his alma mater. He is thoroughly enjoying bringing leadership and innovation to preparing tomorrow's lawyers for the legal profession.

A devoted community advocate and public servant, he says, "public service feeds my soul," and Jim is currently a board member for Greater Oklahoma City United Way and Oklahoma Humane Society, and is a trustee for the City of Oklahoma City Economic Development Trust Authority.

Born in Prairie Village, Kansas, Jim has called Oklahoma City home since 1991. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoys exploring nature, time at the lake, and traveling with his husband Philip, family, friends, and their golden retrievers.

EXPERIENCE

- [On October 24, 2017, Jim Roth, along with Phillips Murrah Directors Catherine L. Campbell and Heather L. Hintz for the Firm, was successful in petitioning the](#)

ADMISSIONS

- 1994, Kansas
- 1995, Oklahoma

[Oklahoma Supreme Court to strike down an unconstitutional "fee" against electric and hybrid vehicles. The court designated House Bill 1449 a "revenue bill" that violated Article V, Section 33 of the Oklahoma Constitution.](#)

EXPERTISE

- Jim is an expert on energy and environmental issues. As a frequent writer and lecturer on these topics, Jim's insight into industry trends and expert policy analysis ensure his clients achieve their clean energy goals.
- Jim is considered an expert in renewable energy project development in Oklahoma and in the surrounding Southwest Power Pool.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Oklahoma Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Kansas Bar Association
- National Association of Civil County Attorneys (Former President)
- Governor's Council for Workforce and Economic Development (Appointed Board Member, Green Jobs emphasis)
- Oklahoma Sustainability Network's "Green" Building Codes Project, "Bring It Home" (Project Director)
- American Law Institute

RECOGNITION

- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™
- Best Lawyers®: Lawyer of the Year in OKC: Environmental Law (2022)
- Best Lawyers®: Lawyer of the Year in OKC: Natural Resources Law (2020)
- Best Lawyers®: Lawyer of the Year in OKC: Government Relations Practice (2018)
- Best Lawyers®: Litigation - Regulatory Enforcement (SEC, Telecom, Energy) (2021)
- Best Lawyers®: Energy Regulatory Law (2018-present)
- Best Lawyers®: Environmental Law (2013-present)
- Best Lawyers®: Government Relations Practice (2012-present)
- Best Lawyers®: Natural Resources Law (2012-present)
- Best Lawyers®: Energy Law (2016-present)
- 405 Magazine Top Attorney in Land Use - Environment (2020), Energy - Oil and Gas (2021)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Board of Directors - Oklahoma Humane Society
- Board of Directors, Treasurer - The National Research Consortium at Innovation Pointe Labs
- Board of Directors, Mentor - Oklahoma City Thunder Launchpad
- Board of Directors - United Way of Oklahoma
- Board of Directors - Arts Council of Oklahoma City
- Board of Directors - 612 (Paseo Area Community & Learning Center)

PUBLICATIONS

- [Phillips Murrah Director Jim Roth featured in USA Today energy article](#)
- [Phillips Murrah announces 61 attorneys named to 2021 Best Lawyers lists](#)
- [GIP names Jim Roth as new board member](#)
- [Roth: Utility demand peaks lowered, overall Oklahoma energy industry impact yet to be seen](#)
- [Phillips Murrah Directors to team up with Animal Legal Defense Fund at OCU Law symposium](#)
- [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](#)
- [Jim A. Roth Journal Record Columns](#)
- [Phillips Murrah attorneys address wind energy impacts on real property](#)
- [Firm hosts welcoming party for incoming summer law clerks](#)
- [Director Jim Roth sourced in article on Oklahoma's solar energy potential](#)
- [Jim Roth talks about Pres. Trump's Energy Executive Order on Oklahoma News Report](#)
- [Director Jim Roth sourced in article about proposed task force to examine Oklahoma's Corporation Commission](#)
- [Director Jim Roth to moderate Energy Roundtable discussion](#)
- [Director Jim Roth teaches OCU Energy Law seminar for Spring 2017](#)
- [Director Jim Roth presents for Sierra Club](#)
- [Phillips Murrah announces 35 attorneys named to 2017 Best Lawyers list](#)
- [Director shares insights into Oklahoma's clean energy future with Sierra Club](#)
- [Director Jim Roth featured in the Sunday Oklahoman cover story about tornado sirens](#)
- [Jim Roth speaks at Society of Environmental Journalists 25th annual conference](#)
- [Director Jim Roth quoted in Journal Record](#)
- [Phillips Murrah Director Jim Roth featured in EPA story on Oklahoma News Report](#)
- [Phillips Murrah announces 35 attorneys named to 2016 Best Lawyers list](#)
- [Director Jim Roth featured in energy-related article in Politico](#)
- [Phillips Murrah Director Jim Roth buzzes hair for St. Baldrick's Foundation](#)
- [Phillips Murrah celebrates Grand Opening of OCU Law School](#)
- [Q&A with Jim Roth: More Oklahomans seek to power their own homes, businesses](#)
- [Phillips Murrah Director Jim Roth featured in OKC's Slice magazine](#)
- [Roth and Edwards Named as new Directors](#)