



# Nicholle Jones Edwards

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#### PRACTICE AREAS

- Victim Protection Orders
- Paternity
- Divorce & Legal Separations
- Guardianships
- Relationship Agreements/Same-Sex Marriage
- Prenuptial Agreements
- Family Law

#### **EDUCATION**

 University of Oklahoma (B.B.A., 1991, J.D., 1997)

## **ADMISSIONS**

- 1997, Oklahoma
- 1997, U.S. District Courts, Western District of Oklahoma
- 1998, U.S. District Courts, Northern District of Oklahoma

#### **BIOGRAPHY**

Nicholle Jones Edwards' law practice focuses on family law, general civil litigation and appellate matters. Her family law practice includes litigation, complex custody issues and valuation issues.

Nikki was born in 1969 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She began her career with the law firm of Horning, Johnson, Moore, Grove, Hulett & Thompson, focusing on family law. Nikki remained with that law firm until she joined Mullins, Hirsch & Parrish in 2002. In 2004, she became a partner with the law firm of Mullins, Hirsch & Jones predecessor to Mullins, Hirsch, Edwards, Heath, White & Martinez, P.C.

Nikki is a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association and Oklahoma County Bar Association. She has served as the Co-Chair of the Family Law Section of the Oklahoma County Bar Association. She has also served on the Diversity Committee, Community Service Committee and the Fee Grievance and Ethics Committee of the Oklahoma County Bar Association. She also served as a Delegate in the House of Delegates for the Oklahoma Bar Association in 2008-2009 and as an Alternate Delegate for 2006-2007. Nikki is also a Fellow of the Oklahoma Bar Foundation.

Nikki has been a frequent speaker and author on various family law and mentoring topics. She served as the Fall 2020 Distinguished Practitioner in Residence at Oklahoma City University School of Law, teaching an experiential Litigation Practicum Class. She has been active in the Ruth Bader Ginsburg American Inn of Courts since 1998 and served as the Mentoring Co-Chairperson from 2001-2005. She co-authored "The Evolution of the Mentoring Program of the Ruth Bader Ginsburg American Inn of Court" in 2003. Nikki was named the Outstanding Master in the Ruth Bader Ginsburg American Inn of Court for 2013-2014, Outstanding Barrister for 2004-2005 and Outstanding Associate for 2002-2003. She has been recognized by Super Lawyers and Best Lawyers for many years.

Nikki is active in community service and has served as the Past President, volunteer, and four-term board member of Positive Tomorrows, a school for homeless and at-risk children in the Oklahoma City area, for more than 20 years. She also is a member of Oklahoma City Ballet Board of Trustees. She recently concluded her service on the Advisory Board of the University of Oklahoma Women & Gender Studies, serving as founding member from 2011 through 2016. Nikki also recently served on the Good Shepherd Ministries board. She is also a board member and President-Elect of Oklahoma Single Parent Scholarship Program.

#### **EXPERIENCE**

- Practice is devoted primarily to divorce and family law and all related issues and includes:
- Representation of individuals with high net worth assets involving complex valuation issues
- Representation of individuals pursuing or defending support alimony issues
- Representation of family businesses with partnership agreements and operating agreements
- Representation of individuals with ownership in closely held companies and their ancillary valuation and division issues
- Representation of individuals with ownership in publicly traded companies
- Representation of individuals with the preparation and defense of prenuptial agreements
- Representation of individuals and spouses with ownership interests in the areas
  of transportation, oil and gas, physician-owned practices, sports, law practices,
  manufacturing and other service businesses
- Representation of clients with complex custody issues involving biological parents, putative parents, grandparents and third parties
- Representation of same-sex couples involving partnership agreements, custody issues, and dissolution proceedings
- Representative experience:
- Successfully defended multiple appeals in family law matters in the areas of custody, visitation, child support, support alimony, business valuation and asset/debt division (Redmond v. Cauthen, 2009 OK CIV APP 46)
- Successfully litigated and resolved the division of assets involving multi-million dollar and publically traded companies with complex real estate, securities and investment valuation issues
- Successfully prosecuted and defended complex custody matters

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Oklahoma County Bar Association
- Oklahoma Bar Association
- Ruth Bader Ginsburg American Inns of Court

## **RECOGNITION**

- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™
- Best Lawyers®: Lawyer of the Year in OKC Family Law (2020), Family Law Arbitration (2020)
- Best Lawyers®: Family Law (2010 present)
- Best Lawyers®: Family Law Arbitration (2020 present)
- Super Lawyers by Thomson Reuters: Family Law (2009 2014, 2018-2019)
- 2020 Mona Salyer Lambird Spotlight Award recipient
- Named one of The Journal Record's 50 Women Making a Difference (2017)
- The Journal Record's Leadership in Law Award (2017)
- Ruth Bader Ginsburg American Inn of Court Outstanding Master (2013-2014);
   Outstanding Barrister (2004-2005); Outstanding Associate (2002-2003)
- The Journal Record's Leadership in Law Award (2008)
- 405 Magazine Top Attorney in Family Law (2021)

#### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- Positive Tomorrows Board of Directors (Past Board Chair, 2020)
- Oklahoma City Ballet Board of Trustees
- Oklahoma Single Parent Scholarship Program (President, Board of Directors, 2021)
- Good Shepherd Ministries (Board Member, 2015)
- University of Oklahoma Women & Gender Studies (Advisory Board Member, 2009-May 2016)

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- Phillips Murrah supports Positive Tomorrows at 2022 Cork & Canvas event
- Phillips Murrah announces 19 attorneys named to 2021 Super Lawyers list
- Director Nikki Edwards lends expertise to United Way Board Serve class
- Director's personal style featured on local fashion blog
- Director Nikki Edwards honored with OBA Mona Salver Lambird award
- Phillips Murrah sponsors Positive Tomorrows at 2020 Cork & Canvas
- Phillips Murrah announces 61 attorneys named to 2021 Best Lawyers lists
- Edwards named OCU Law's Distinguished Practitioner for Fall semester
- Phillips Murrah announces 17 attorneys named to 2019 Super Lawyers list
- Phillips Murrah announces 48 attorneys named to 2020 Best Lawyers list
- Director presents for OU Women and Gender Studies class
- Phillips Murrah announces 21 attorneys named to 2018 Super Lawyers list
- Phillips Murrah announces 44 attorneys named to 2019 Best Lawyers list
- Director Nikki Jones Edwards honored at Woman of the Year gala
- Phillips Murrah announces 37 attorneys named to 2018 Best Lawyers list
- Journal Record names Nikki Edwards to Fifty Making A Difference list
- Directors volunteer at annual Westminster fundraiser
- Leadership in Law profile: Nicholle "Nikki" Jones Edwards
- Director commemorates 20 years of service for Positive Tomorrows
- Phillips Murrah announces 35 attorneys named to 2017 Best Lawyers list
- Phillips Murrah Director named as Secretary of Positive Tomorrows
- Phillips Murrah attorneys volunteer for Cavett Kids Foundation
- Phillips Murrah sponsors OU Women and Gender Studies event
- Firm names April Employee of the Month
- Phillips Murrah announces 35 attorneys named to 2016 Best Lawyers list
- Phillips Murrah supports Positive Tomorrows at Cork & Canvas event
- Online Evidence: Digital discovery during divorce
- Phillips Murrah announces new Directors for 2015
- Phillips Murrah Attorneys Named to Oklahoma Super Lawyers
- Nicholle Jones Edwards Joins Phillips Murrah to Lead Family Law Practice