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## Attorneys and Counselors at Law

# ATTORNEY PROFILE

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## **PRACTICE AREAS**

#### 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
- 2019, Supreme Court of the United States of America

## Nicholle Jones Edwards

#### DIRECTOR

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#### **BIOGRAPHY**

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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 also served as an adjunct professor at OCU School of Law in family law and other topics. 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. In 2017, Nikki was recognized as one of the Journal Record's Women of the Year. In 2020, Nikki received the Mona Salyer Lambird Spotlight Award.

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 25 years. She also is a member of Oklahoma City Ballet Board of Trustees. She previously served on the Advisory Board of the University of Oklahoma Women & Gender

Studies, serving as founding member from 2011 through 2016. She is also a board member and past President 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
- Oklahoma City University School of Law (Adjunct Professor of Family Law; Past Distinguished Practitioner in Residence, 2020)

### 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, 2018-2021)
- 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 (Past President, Board of Directors, 2021)
- Good Shepherd Ministries (Board Member, 2015)
- University of Oklahoma Women & Gender Studies Advisory Board (Board Member, 2009-May 2016)