



## G. Calvin Sharpe

### DIRECTOR

G. Calvin Sharpe has 30 years of experience in Oklahoma courtrooms, representing a diverse list of business clients in matters relating to medical malpractice, medical devices, products liability, insurance and commercial litigation. He has tried dozens of jury trials to verdict, defending the long-term business interests of his clients.

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### PRACTICE AREAS

- Environmental Law
- Medical Malpractice Defense
- Insurance Defense and Coverage
- Healthcare Law
- Pharmaceutical & Medical Device
- Native American Law

### EDUCATION

- University of Oklahoma (B.B.A., 1982)
- University of Oklahoma College of Law (J.D., 1985)

### ADMISSIONS

- 1986, Oklahoma
- 1986, U.S. District Court, Northern, Eastern and Western Districts of Oklahoma
- 1986, U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
- 2006, Cherokee Nation Tribal Court
- 2007, Supreme Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation
- 2008, Chickasaw Nation Tribal Court

### BIOGRAPHY

G. Calvin Sharpe is a Director in the Firm and an experienced trial attorney. The majority of his practice focuses on matters involving medical malpractice, products liability and insurance. G. Calvin also has an established Native American law practice representing both Native American and non-native clients in tribal courts.

G. Calvin has spent his entire legal career inside Oklahoma courtrooms, defending the business interests of a diverse group of national and regional clients, including doctors, pharmacies, product manufacturers, and energy producers. He is a member and past president of the American Board of Trial Advocates, an invitation-only organization devoted to the preservation of the jury trial system and the promotion of civility in the courtroom. He is also past president of the Oklahoma Association of Defense Counsel. As a successful trial attorney, G. Calvin has vast experience in preparing for and trying complex litigation cases and class action suits related to medical malpractice, medical devices, catastrophic injury, automobiles, and wrongful death, to name a few.

Over the years, G. Calvin has gained valuable experience successfully handling environmental matters, including the wind energy project, Big Smile Wind Farm at Dempsey Ridge, located in Western Oklahoma. He also has done extensive work with the Oklahoma Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Act, which yielded the reported cases of Jones v. Oklahoma Natural Gas Company and Bond v. Oklahoma Natural Gas Company.

A Native American deeply connected to the culture and tradition of his ancestors, G. Calvin is an advocate in the community and the courts. He is admitted to practice in the Seminole Nation Tribal Court, Cherokee Nation Tribal Court, Supreme Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Chickasaw Nation Tribal Court, and Osage Nation Tribal Court.

In 2010, he received The Journal Record's Leadership in Law Award for his outstanding contributions to the community and the legal profession.

Born and raised in Oklahoma City, G. Calvin is an outdoor enthusiast to the core. He enjoys rowing, hunting, fishing, and nearly every other sporting and outdoor activity.

- 2012, Osage Nation Tribal Court
- 2014, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Tribal Court

## EXPERIENCE

- Jonnie Yvonne Vasquez v. Dillard's, Inc., 381 P.3d 768 (Okla. 2016)
- Taliaferro v. Shahsavari, 154 P.3d 1240 (Okla. 2006)
- Cary by and through Cary v. Oneok, 940 P.2d 201 (Okla. 1997)
- Patton v. Memorial Hosp. of Southern Oklahoma, Inc., 895 P.2d 298 (Okla. App. Div. 4 1995)
- Jones v. Oklahoma Natural Gas Co., 894 P.2d 415 (Okla. 1994)
- Bond v. Oklahoma Natural Gas Co., 849 P.2d 1100 (Okla. 1993)
- Lewis v. Dependent School Dist. No. 10 of Pott. County, 808 P.2d 710 (Okla. App. Div. 1 1990)
- Gay v. Akin, 766 P.2d 985 (Okla. 1988)
- Trial Training: International Association of Defense Counsel Trial Academy - Boulder, CO (1993)

## EXPERTISE

- Representation of clients in jury trials
- Complex Litigation involving class action and mass tort defense with a focus on products liability/medical devices, medical malpractice, catastrophic personal injury and insurance defense
- Representation of both Native American and non-native business clients in tribal courtrooms

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel
- American Board of Trial Advocates (Oklahoma Chapter; Secretary, 2011-2012; President - 2012-2013)
- Oklahoma Association of Defense Counsel (Vice President, 2005-2006; Board Member, 2006-present; President, 2011-2012)
- International Association of Defense Counsel (Diversity Committee, 2005-present; Trial Techniques & Tactics, 1992-present; Products Liability, 1992-present)
- Defense Research Institute (Trial Techniques, 1998-present; Diversity, 2005-present; Medical Liability & Health Care, & Insurance 1998-present)
- Federal Bar Association (Native American Law Section member)
- Oklahoma County Bar Association (Chairman, Annual Committee, 1995-1996; Board Member, 1991-1992 and 2010-2013; Young Lawyers Division, 1986-1994; President, 1992)
- Oklahoma Bar Association (Evidence Code Committee, 1991-1992; Young Lawyers Division, Board Member, 1992-1993; Professional Responsibility Committee, 1992-1993)
- American Bar Association (Member: Tort & Insurance Practice, Litigation, Trial Techniques, Medicine & Law Sections)
- National Native American Bar Association
- Oklahoma Indian Bar Association
- Luther Bohanon American Inn of Court XXIII

## RECOGNITION

- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™
- Best Lawyers®: Lawyer of the Year in OKC: Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants (2017, 2020, 2022)
- 405 Magazine Top Attorney in Medical Malpractice - Defense (2020)
- Best Lawyers®: Litigation - Insurance (2022-present)
- Best Lawyers®: Insurance Law (2020 - present)
- Best Lawyers®: Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants (2012 - present)
- Best Lawyers®: Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants (2012 - present)
- Best Lawyers®: Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2019 - present)
- Super Lawyers by Thomson Reuters: (2006 - 2019)
- Defense Research Institute, Exceptional Performance Citation (2011)

- Oklahoma Association of Defense Counsel, Distinguished Service Award (2011)
- The Journal Record Leadership in Law Award (2010)
- Oklahoma County Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division – Outstanding Director (1999)
- Oklahoma County Bar Association – Outstanding Young Lawyer (1992)
- Bess Zeldich Ungerman Scholarship – Outstanding Minority Student (1985)

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Leadership Oklahoma City (Class XXIV)
- Infant Crisis Services (Board Member, 2008-present; Resource Development Committee, 2006-present; Capital Campaign Committee, 2006-2007)
- Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
- Red Earth, (Board Member, 2007-present; President-Elect, 2008-2010; President, 2010-2012)
- Rotary Club of Oklahoma City (Club 29)
- University of Oklahoma Indian Alumni Association
- Calm Waters (Board Member, 2010-2020)
- Committee of One Hundred (Oklahoma City)
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oklahoma (Native American Advisory Council, Board Member, 2013-2020)

## PUBLICATIONS

- [Phillips Murrah announces 19 attorneys named to 2021 Super Lawyers list](#)
- [Sharpe accepted into Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel](#)
- [Phillips Murrah announces 61 attorneys named to 2021 Best Lawyers lists](#)
- [Phillips Murrah announces 17 attorneys named to 2019 Super Lawyers list](#)
- [Phillips Murrah announces 48 attorneys named to 2020 Best Lawyers list](#)
- [Phillips Murrah announces 21 attorneys named to 2018 Super Lawyers list](#)
- [Phillips Murrah announces 44 attorneys named to 2019 Best Lawyers list](#)
- [Phillips Murrah attorneys selected as 2017 Super Lawyers](#)
- [Phillips Murrah announces 37 attorneys named to 2018 Best Lawyers list](#)
- [Firm hosts welcoming party for incoming summer law clerks](#)
- [Office Visit: Taming the Reptile lawyer](#)
- [Phillips Murrah attorneys selected as 2016 Super Lawyers](#)
- [Law & Oarder Rowing Team win at Regatta Festival](#)
- [Phillips Murrah announces 35 attorneys named to 2017 Best Lawyers list](#)
- [NewsOK Q&A: High court's tie in assault affirms tribe's self-determination right](#)
- [Phillips Murrah rowing team competes in Summer 2016 season](#)
- [Phillips Murrah rowing team, Law & Oarder, completes 2015 season](#)
- [Phillips Murrah announces 35 attorneys named to 2016 Best Lawyers list](#)
- [Affordable Care Act changes affect physicians](#)
- [Phillips Murrah Attorneys Named to Oklahoma Super Lawyers](#)
- [Red Earth Inc Names Officers to Lead Board of Directors](#)
- [29 Attorneys Selected for 2014 Edition of Best Lawyers](#)
- [ABOTA Annual Banquet Features Honored Guests and Speaker](#)
- [Phillips Murrah Names Shareholders](#)
- [G. Calvin Sharpe Named to Red Earth Board](#)
- [Trial advocates elect 2012 officers](#)
- [Land of the lawyers](#)
- [Law schools: Number of Native American students increasing](#)
- [Lawmaker seeks study on day-care insurance](#)
- [Red Earth, Inc. announces new officers to lead board of directors](#)