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OF COUNSEL

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PRACTICE AREAS

- Agriculture and Equine Law
- Real Estate Transactions
- Business Law
- Oil and Natural Gas Title Examination
- Oil and Natural Gas Transactions
- Private Wealth, Estate Planning and Business Succession

EDUCATION

- University of Oklahoma (B.A., with distinction, administration leadership, 2014)
- University of Oklahoma College of Law (J.D., 2018)

ADMISSIONS

- 2018, Oklahoma

BIOGRAPHY

Kimberly Wurtz has dedicated her legal practice to assisting landowners while also striving to protect the land and our natural resources. Today, Kimberly practices property law, water law, and energy law, focusing on landowner property matters, water rights, and asset protection. Prior to entering the legal field, Kimberly worked as a land man in Midland, Texas, gaining over 15 years of experience in the Permian and Delaware Basins, while focusing on land operations and management.

Kimberly is a double graduate from the University of Oklahoma, receiving her bachelor's degree and her Juris Doctor from OU. While in law school, she received the American Jurisprudence Award for Energy Law and was named to the Dean's Honor Roll. Always in pursuit of learning and helping others, she now teaches Mineral Title Examination and Real Estate Transactions, and Oil and Gas Regulatory Practice at Texas A&M University School of Law.

As an Oklahoma delegate to the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, she serves as the Vice Chair of the Legal and Regulatory Affairs Committee, and is a member of the Energy Resources, Research and Technology Committee. She is also currently serving on the Oklahoma NARO Board of Directors and the NARO Foundation Board of Directors and is a co-author for Patton and Palomar on Land Titles. She has published articles on groundwater, produced water and well interference and also enjoys presenting on these topics at various conferences.

Kimberly and her husband David have two children, Logan and Amara, and they currently call Norman home. In her free time, she enjoys reading, ocean kayaking, watching her Vegas Golden Knights play hockey, and spending time with her family.

EXPERIENCE

- Accomplished in oil and gas negotiations, including leasing and pooling, complex operational agreements, mineral owner disputes and settlements, and royalty issues and claims
- Experienced in energy related transactions, including solar, wind and CCS projects, saltwater disposal, soil health and remediation, and Class VI injection wells
- Represents landowners for a variety of real property matters, including surface damages claims, agricultural needs, land use, and asset protection
- Proficient in transactions and agency proceedings related to the water resource,

including groundwater, surface water, and produced water

- Established oil and gas regulatory practice, including representation at the Oklahoma Corporation Commission
- Efficient and skilled in title examination for rendering of Drilling Title Opinions, Division Order Title Opinions, Leasehold Opinions and limited opinions for surface and water assets
- Worked in-house for a major oil and gas operator in West Texas, overseeing the oil and gas development as well as drilling operations of over seven counties.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Oklahoma Bar Association (Member, Real Property Law Section and Energy Natural Resources Section)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Oklahoma NARO (Member, Board of Directors)
- NARO Foundation (Member, Board of Directors)

PUBLICATIONS

- American Association of Professional Landmen - Landman Magazine - "Expanding the Pugh Clause"
- University of Oklahoma College of Law's Oil and Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Journal - "Watering the Forest for the Trees: An Examination of Water Basin Use and Management in Energy Producing States"
- National Association of Lease and Title Analysts - NALTA NEWS - "Produced Water Guidance: Recent State Legislation"