ATTORNEY PROFILE

Dawn M. Rahme

President/Managing Partner

Dawn M. Rahme is President and Managing Partner of Phillips Murrah. She represents individuals and businesses in an array of transactional matters with a focus on assisting corporations, partnerships and individuals in general tax planning. In addition to tax law, Dawn is also experienced in general business and corporate matters, where she has advised clients on business organization matters as well as complex mergers and acquisitions.

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Practice Areas

- Tax Law
- Business Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Estate Planning
- Auto Dealerships

Education

- University of Tulsa (B.S.B.A., 1998)
- University of Oklahoma (J.D., 2001)
- New York University (LL.M, Taxation, 2002)

Admissions

- 2001, Oklahoma
- 2001, U.S. District Court, Western District of Oklahoma
- 2001, U.S. Tax Court

Biography

Dawn M. Rahme is President and Managing Partner of Phillips Murrah. As a member of the Tax and Private Wealth and Corporate and Securities Law Practice Groups, she represents individuals and both privately-held and public companies in a wide range of transactional matters, including general tax planning for corporations, partnerships and individuals, as well as wealth transfer tax planning; local, state and federal taxation; and tax structuring of complex business transactions.

Dawn received her Masters of Law in Taxation at New York University School of Law. She has advised clients regarding corporate and general business matters, including choice of entity, reorganizations, dissolutions and tax planning with limited partnership, and limited liability companies. She has been involved in several complex mergers and acquisitions and frequently advises clients on the best structure to hold existing assets. She has also been involved in structuring private equity investments and helping entities qualify for state tax incentives. Dawn has successfully represented clients in disputes with the Oklahoma Tax Commission and the Internal Revenue Service.

Her practice also includes the area of trusts, estates and family wealth planning. In addition to drafting all types of estate planning documents, such as wills, trusts, advance directives and powers of attorney, she also utilizes a number of sophisticated wealth transfer tax planning techniques in her practice, including sales to grantor trusts and valuation discount planning. Dawn strategizes with clients' advisers, including financial planners, private banks, trust officers, accountants, insurance agents and other advisers to ensure a properly implemented plan.

Born and raised in Ponca City, Oklahoma, she lives in one of Oklahoma City's most celebrated historic neighborhoods. She is an active philanthropist who serves on the Best Friends of Pets board. She enjoys spending free time with family and friends and traveling.

Professional Organizations

- Oklahoma County Bar Association
- Oklahoma Bar Association
- American Bar Association (Taxation and Business Law Sections)

Experience

- Negotiated and organized business structures for individuals through large corporations
- Tax-deferred exchanges
- Structured asset ownership to accomplish state and federal tax objectives; valuation discount planning; asset protection; and asset management goals
- Represented businesses and individuals in asset sales and purchases, stock sales and purchases, and other merger and acquisition transactions in various industries, including oil & gas, hospice, aggregate, motor vehicle, restaurant, and construction
- Resolved shareholder disputes and other corporate governance issues
- Implemented various sophisticated planning techniques to minimize wealth transfer taxes, including dynastic trusts
- Represents individuals and both privately-held and public companies in a wide range of transactional matters including: general tax planning for corporations, partnerships, and individuals; wealth transfer tax planning; Local, state and federal taxation; Tax structuring of complex business transactions
- Multi-generational wealth transfer and business succession planning

Expertise

- Represents individuals and both privately-held and public companies in a wide range of transactional matters including: general tax planning for corporations, partnerships, and individuals; wealth transfer tax planning; Local, state and federal taxation; Tax structuring of complex business transactions Multi-generational wealth transfer and business succession planning

Recognition

- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™
- Best Lawyers®: Lawyer of the Year in OKC: Litigation and Controversy – Tax (2022)
- Best Lawyers®: Lawyer of the Year in OKC: Commercial Transactions/UCC Law (2020)
- Best Lawyers®: Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships) (2021-present)
- Best Lawyers®: Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2021-present)
- Best Lawyers®: Commercial Transactions / UCC Law (2018-present)
- Best Lawyers®: Trusts and Estates (2016-present)
- Best Lawyers®: Litigation and Controversy – Tax (2013-present)
- Best Lawyers®: Tax Law (2013-present)
- Super Lawyers by Thomson Reuters: Rising Star (2008-2015)
- The Journal Record's Oklahoma Leadership in Law award (2010)
- The Journal Record's 50 Women Making a Difference
- The Journal Record's Achievers Under 40
- OKCBiz's Forty Under 40
- 405 Magazine Top Attorney in Tax Law (2020, 2023)
- 405 Magazine Top Attorney in Civil Law Transactional (2022)

Community

- Best Friends of Pets (Past Board Member, Secretary, 2012-2020)
- Crown Heights-Edgemere Heights Neighborhood Association (Past Board Member, Block Captain Chair, 2013-2019)
- Oklahoma County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division (2008-2011)
- Positive Tomorrows (Board Member, 2008-2010)
- Possibilities (Board Member, 2009-2010)