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Attorney

Rob is a skilled, passionate, and versatile business lawyer who has been practicing law for 27 years. Having served as Assistant General Counsel to United States Small Business Administration in Oklahoma City, his practice continues to emphasize corporate, business, litigation, administrative, trust, and tax matters for clients, including those in highly regulated industries. He assists clients in structuring, acquiring, disposing of, operating, and liquidating all types and sizes of business entities in a variety of industries.

Rob's clients include for profit and nonprofit corporations, all kinds of partnerships and limited liability companies and involve general business matters, asset protection, estate planning, and business succession issues. Rob frequently speaks at business, litigation, estate planning, and legal education seminars, and is an Adjunct Professor at Oklahoma City University's Meinders School of Business, Master of Science in Energy Legal Studies.

Rob has always been a servant leader, in school, work, community, and civic affairs. Rob continues to serve in a number of elected and appointed leadership roles on a national, state, and local level, and excels at working with management teams at all levels in organizational development and strategic planning, as shown below.

Rob moved from Maryland with his family at 8 years old, and grew up in north Oklahoma City's bedroom community of Deer Creek. He was active in leadership roles in academics, sports, and music at Deer Creek High School, where his three daughters would later graduate. Always a hard worker, he worked summers with his brothers in their own firewood business, and later worked in the north Edmond residential development and home construction industry for a highly regarded family firm. Later during his college summers, Rob worked for Parker Drilling, Inc., one of the world's largest oil and gas drilling contractors.

Rob attended Oklahoma State University and received a degree in political science from Brigham Young University. From there, he studied law at the University of Oklahoma, and was part of the law studies program at Oxford University, Queen's College in Oxford, England, where he met Carilyn Vidaillet, his future partner in both life and law. Both Rob and Carilyn obtained their law degrees from the University of Oklahoma.

Rob and Carilyn have three daughters, two of which attend the University of Oklahoma, and one who attends the University of Tulsa. The family attends Rob's childhood church, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, in their hometown of Edmond, Oklahoma.

Rob is an active outdoorsman, and continues to pursue his childhood passion of falconry, the ancient form of hunting with trained raptors after wild quarry. Rob is a federal and state licensed Master Class Falconer, and has sponsored a number of apprentice falconers in this challenging sport. Rob also continues to enjoy running and hiking on a daily basis.

REPRESENTATIVE PRACTICE AREAS

- General Business and Commercial Law
 - Commercial Litigation and Arbitration
 - Business Succession Planning
 - Asset Protection
 - Limited Liability Companies, Corporations, and Partnerships, General and Limited
- Estate Planning
- Trusts and Estates Litigation
- Commercial and Residential Real Estate Development
- Common Use Property and Homeowner Associations
- Personal Injury
- Nonprofit Law
- Elder Law
- Bankruptcy
- Employment Law
- Business Development 8a Program and Related Programs, U.S. Small Business Administration

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Representation of individual and business clients in a broad range of litigation, including contract and commercial disputes, including appellate practice in federal and state courts
- Representation in a broad range of trust and guardianship matters and litigation
- Representation of energy clients in connection with enforcement of creditor's rights and related issues in the oil and gas industry
- Representation of clients in: (1) Joint Ventures, (2) Mergers and Acquisitions, (3) Corporate Financings, (4) Private Offerings, (5) Regulatory Applications, (6) Administrative and Governing Body Investigations and Appeals, (7) Employee disputes, and (8) General Corporate Matters
- Representation of a variety of institutions and practitioners including: (1) Oil and Gas Vendors and Service Providers, (2) Insurance and Financial Institutions, (3) Real Estate Developers, (4) Natural Resource Companies, (5) All levels of Supply Chain Contractors, (6) High Tech Companies, (7) Trade Associations, (8) Charities, (9) Private Foundations, and (10) Lobbying Organizations
- Representation of clients in creating, drafting, administrating, and litigating Trusts, Complex Trusts, Irrevocable Trusts, and related
- Extensive experience representing international, national, and local nonprofit organizations and foundations, including evidence based best practices in corporate governance
- Selective Personal Injury representation
- Professional negligence and professional licensure defense and representation

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- President of Federal Bar Association, Oklahoma City Chapter
- Oklahoma Bar Association Committees: Civil Procedure and Evidence, Legislative Monitoring, and Professionalism
- Special Assistant to United States Attorney
- Member, Oklahoma Correctional Industries Marketing Task Force
- Member, Oklahoma Correctional Employee Memorial Foundation
- Member, Small Business Legislative Task Force, OKC Chamber of Commerce
- Member, Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce
- Member, Oklahoma City Title Attorney's Association
- Member, Student Bar Association Faculty-Student Committees

- Member, Phi Alpha Delta International Law Fraternity
- Member, OBA Civil Procedure & Evidence Code Committee
- Lobbyist, American Insurance Association
- Member, Oklahoma Bar Association
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Pro Bono Attorney Panel for Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma
- Arbitrator, American Bar Association National Arbitration Competition

NATIONAL, STATE, AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

- Chairman, Oklahoma Board of Corrections (Appointed by Governor and confirmed by Senate)
- Commissioner, Edmond Planning Commission
- Chair, Board of Corrections Standing Committees:
(1) Executive Committee, (2) Budget Committee, (3) Legislative Committee, (4) Public Interface Committee, and (4) Public Affairs/State Boards Interface
- Member, State Insurance Fund Task Force, Member (Appointed by Governor)
- Member, Board of Directors for Fellowship of Christian Athletes of Oklahoma
- President, EARC, community based services for the developmentally disabled
- President, Oklahoma Falconers Association
- President, Saratoga Farms Homeowners Association
- President, Glen Eagles Homeowners Association, Inc.
- Assistant General Counsel, North American Falconers Association (NAFA)
- General Counsel, St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Edmond
- General Counsel, Teens Against Predators Foundation
- Member, Diocesan Commission on Prison Ministry
- Parliamentarian, NAFA
- Big Brother of the Year, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Cleveland County, Inc.
- Teacher, Youth Sunday School, St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Edmond
- Teacher, Adult Sunday School, St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Edmond
- Member, FarmHouse Fraternity, Oklahoma State University
- Member, Oklahoma Falconers Association
- Chair, Management and Administration Committee, NAFA
- Member, Technical Advisory Committee, NAFA
- Member, Strategic Planning Committee, NAFA
- Member, Constitution, Bylaws, and Policy and Procedure Committee, NAFA
- Member, Leadership OKC Father-Daughter Summit

EDUCATION

Juris Doctorate (1986) - The University of Oklahoma College of Law, Norman, Oklahoma; Oxford University, Queen's College, Oxford, England under the Oxford University Law Studies Program

Bachelor of Arts (1982) - Political Science - Brigham Young University and Oklahoma State University Honors Program

ATTORNEY PUBLICATIONS

- Co-authored "The Availability of Small Business Administration Loans for Agricultural Enterprises" article. *Warren Gorham and Lamont Law Journal*
- Authored newsletter articles for the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce.
- Authored newsletter articles for the Oklahoma Department of Commerce.
- Authored newsletter articles for the Oklahoma Home-Based Business Association

ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Courts and Bankruptcy Courts for the Western, Northern and Eastern Districts of Oklahoma

U.S. Tax Court

Pro Hac Vice Admissions in all Texas Bankruptcy Courts

Oklahoma Bar Association