

2023 OBA BOARD OF GOVERNORS VACANCIES



Nominating Petition deadline was 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2, 2022

OFFICERS

President-Elect

Current: Brian T. Hermanson, Ponca City
(One-year term: 2023)
Mr. Hermanson automatically becomes OBA president
Jan. 1, 2023
Nominee: **Miles T. Pringle, Oklahoma City**

Vice President

Current: Miles T. Pringle, Oklahoma City
(One-year term: 2023)
Nominee: **D. Kenyon Williams Jr., Tulsa**

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Supreme Court Judicial

District Two

Current: Michael J. Davis, Durant
Atoka, Bryan, Choctaw, Haskell, Johnston, Latimer,
Le Flore, McCurtain, McIntosh, Marshall, Pittsburg,
Pushmataha and Sequoyah counties
(Three-year term: 2023-2025)
Nominee: **Vacant**

Supreme Court Judicial

District Eight

Current: Joshua A. Edwards, Ada
Coal, Hughes, Lincoln, Logan, Noble, Okfuskee, Payne,
Pontotoc, Pottawatomie and Seminole counties
(Three-year term: 2023-2025)
Nominee: **Vacant**

Supreme Court Judicial

District Nine

Current: Robin L. Rochelle, Lawton
Caddo, Canadian, Comanche, Cotton, Greer, Harmon,
Jackson, Kiowa and Tillman counties
(Three-year term: 2023-2025)
Nominee: **Jana Lee Knott, El Reno**

Member At-Large

Current: Amber Peckio Garrett, Tulsa
Statewide
(Three-year term: 2023-2025)
Nominee: **Timothy Lee Rogers, Tulsa**

NOTICE

Pursuant to Rule 3 Section 3 of the OBA Bylaws, the nominees for uncontested positions have been deemed elected due to no other person filing for the position. Terms of the present OBA officers and governors will terminate Dec. 31, 2022.

OKLAHOMA BAR ASSOCIATION NOMINATING PETITIONS

(See Article II and Article III of the OBA Bylaws)

OFFICERS

President-Elect

Miles T. Pringle
Oklahoma City

Nominating Petitions have been filed nominating Miles T. Pringle for President-Elect of the Oklahoma Bar Association Board of Governors for a one-year term beginning Jan. 1, 2023. Fifty of the names thereon are set forth below:

Laura N. Smith Pringle, Lynn A. Pringle, David A. Poarch Jr., James R. Hicks, Susan Stocker Shields, M. Joe Crosthwait Jr., Kimberly Hays, David K. Petty, Cathy M. Christensen, James T. Stuart, Charles W. Chesnut, William R. Grimm, Lane R. Neal, Cody J. Cooper, Melvin R. McVay Jr., Byrona J. Maule, Thomas G. Wolfe, Alissa D. Preble Hutter, Andrew E. Hutter, Amber N. Peckio Garrett, Joshua A. Edwards, Douglas D. Dale, Robin Lee Rochelle, D. Kenyon Williams Jr., Matthew C. Beese, Roy D. Tucker, Jennifer M. Castillo, Jimmy D. Oliver, Timothy E. DeClerck, Richard D. White Jr., Bryon J. Will, Mark E. Fields, Benjamin R. Hilfiger, Michael R. Vanderburg, Elaine R. Turner, Jonathan A. Epstein, Moira C.G. Watson, Timothy L. Rogers, Aaron M. Arnall, Robert L. Bailey, Cyrus Bruce Crum, Mark E. Bialick, James K. Larimore, David B. Donchin, Douglas S. Pewitt, John E. Harper Jr., Dillon J. Hollinsworth, Ashley F. Vinson, James Kevin Hayes and Mark E. Hornbeek.

A total of 172 signatures appear on the petitions.

Vice President

D. Kenyon Williams Jr.
Tulsa

Nominating Petitions have been filed nominating D. Kenyon Williams Jr. for Vice President of the Oklahoma Bar Association Board of Governors for a one-year term beginning Jan. 1, 2023. Fifty of the names thereon are set forth below:

Charles W. Chesnut, Susan Stocker Shields, Brian T. Hermanson, Matthew C. Beese, Brian K. Morton, Timothy E. DeClerck, Benjamin R. Hilfiger, James R. Hicks, Andrew E. Hutter, Alissa D. Preble Hutter, Robin Lee Rochelle, Mark Banner, Aaron C. Tiffit, Pamela S. Anderson, James Kevin Hayes, Lynn Lane Williams, Kristen Pence Evans, Steven A. Broussard, Johnathan L. Rogers, Michael T. Keester, Kent A. Gilliland, Jared R. Ford, Ty E. Schoenhals, Eric C. Money, Larry G. Ball, Emily P. Pittman, Seth A. Day, Littleton Tazewell Ellett IV, Daniel V. Carsey, Jonathan A. Epstein, John Frederick Kempf Jr., John W. Gile, Mitchell K. McCarthy, Raymond S. Rudnicki, Stephen R. Pitcock, Elaine R. Turner, James D. Satrom, Heather Flynn Earnhart, James M. Reed, Sarah E. Hansel, Christopher L. Carter, Samantha W. Davis, Jon M. Payne, Sarah C. Miller, James C.T. Hardwick, Thomas P. Schroedter, Gregory P. Reilly, Natalie S. Sears, W. Davidson Pardue Jr. and Brian T. Inbody.

A total of 91 signatures appear on the petitions.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Supreme Court Judicial District No. 9

Jana Lee Knott
El Reno

Nominating Petitions have been filed nominating Jana Lee Knott for election of Supreme Court Judicial District No. 9 of the Oklahoma Bar Association Board of Governors for a three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 2023. Twenty-five of the names thereon are set forth below:

John A. Bass, Chance L. Deaton, Kristy Ellen Loyall, Joseph P. Weaver Jr., Barbara A. Hatfield, Khristan K. Strubhar, Jack D. McCurdy II, Charles W. Gass, Paul A. Hesse, Mark William Osby, John A. Alberts, Tammy Sellers Boling, Mary R. McCann, Robin L. Rochelle, Stephen K. Newcombe, Noel Brent

Palmer, Alton Brad Cox, Lawrence M. Corrales, Teressa H. Williams, Christine M. Galbraith, Kelli Rae Woodson, Clay R. Hillis, James R. Willson, Charles E. Wade Jr. and Leah Terrill-NesSmith.

A total of 31 signatures appear on the petitions.

Member At-Large

Timothy Lee Rogers
Tulsa

Nominating Petitions have been filed nominating Timothy Lee Rogers for election of Member at Large of the Oklahoma Bar Association Board of Governors for a three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 2023. Fifty of the names thereon are set forth below:

James R. Hicks, Anne Sickles Maguire, William R. Grimm, Emily Brooks Kusmider, Adam Keith Marshall, John Seaton Wolfe, John Charles Gotwals, Bruce E. Roach Jr., John E. Harper Jr., David A. Sturdivant, Melissa A. Bell, Mary Lou Gutierrez, James Robert Gotwals, William Edward Farrier, James Ronald Bullard, Norman Lance Bryan, Jon E. Brightmire, Rebecca D. Bullard, Tom Q. Ferguson, Christian D. Barnard, Harry V. Rouse IV, Lewis N. Carter, William F. Riggs, Linda C. Martin, John Patrick Mensching, Pamela Kendall Wheeler, David W. Wulfers, Richard H. Foster, Randall E. Long, Kerry R. Lewis, Malinda S. Matlock, Elizabeth R. Sharrock, Colin H. Tucker, Denelda L. Richardson, Rachel E. Gusman, William C. McLain, Daniel B. Graves, Paige N. Shelton, Elise Dunitz Brennan, David R. Cordell, Teresa Meinders Burkett, Pamela H. Goldberg, Mark Banner, Brian T. Inbody, Dale Kenyon Williams Jr., Sarah E. Hansel, Daniel A. Ketchum, Sidney K. Swinson, John A. Gaberino Jr. and Graydon Dean Luthey Jr.

A total of 87 signatures appear on the petitions.

2023 LEADERSHIP & CANDIDATES



2022 President

James R. Hicks, Tulsa

Jim Hicks practices in Tulsa with the law firm of Barrow & Grimm PC. His focus is on the litigation and transactional needs of individuals and businesses. He also represents clients in probate, estate planning and family law matters. He attended OU and received

his bachelor's degree in finance before attending the TU College of Law. Admitted to practice in 1985, he served as a member of the OBA Board of Governors from 2015 to 2019. He also served as president of the Tulsa County Bar Association from 2013 to 2014 and the Tulsa County Bar Foundation from 2017 to 2019. He has been recognized as an outstanding young lawyer by the TCBA and received the TCBA President's Award. In 1995, he was recognized as the OBA's outstanding young lawyer.

Mr. Hicks participated as a member of Leadership Tulsa, Class XX. He has served as senior warden of St. John's Episcopal Church in Tulsa for eight years, from 2013 until 2020, and continues to volunteer his time to several nonprofit organizations. Married to Nancy Hicks since 1983, he is most proud of his granddaughters, ages 12, 3 and 6 months. He will serve a one-year term in 2023 as immediate past president.



2023 President

*Brian T. Hermanson,
Ponca City*

Brian Hermanson is the district attorney for Kay and Noble counties and has served in this position since 2011. He received his bachelor's degree from Carroll College in Wisconsin and his J.D. from the OU College of

Law. He is a member of the Kay and Noble county bar associations, having served as president of the Kay County Bar Association in 1989 and the Noble County Bar Association from 2016 to the present.

Mr. Hermanson was vice president of the OBA in 1988, Oklahoma Bar Foundation president in 1993 and chair of the OBA Young Lawyers Division in 1982. He has served as chair of the OBA General Practice/Solo and Small Firm, Law Office Management and Technology, and Criminal Law sections and served three terms as chair of the Litigation Section. He has also served as president of the Oklahoma Chapter of the America Board of Trial Advocates, the Oklahoma Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, on the OBA Board of Editors and as president of the Oklahoma District Attorneys Association and chair of the District Attorneys Council. Mr. Hermanson was awarded the David Moss Memorial Award for Outstanding District Attorney in 2016, Oklahoma Criminal Defense Lawyers Association Clarence Darrow Award in 1986, OBA Earl Sneed Award in 1998, OU Regents Award in 1994 and was named Sole Practitioner of the Year by the ABA Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Division.

He has served on the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals Committee for Uniform Criminal Jury Instruction since 1994, chair of the ABA Standing Committee on Gavel Awards, president of the Ponca City Rotary Club, Ponca City YMCA, Ponca Playhouse, an *ex officio* member of the Ponca City Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and an elder and past chairman of the board

of Community Christian Church. Mr. Hermanson lives in Ponca City with his wife, Ruslyn, and is the proud father of two grown daughters. Elected as 2022 president-elect and serving one year in that position, he automatically becomes president Jan. 1, 2023.

2023 NEWLY ELECTED BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Pursuant to Rule 3, Section 3 of the OBA Bylaws, the following nominees have been deemed elected due to no other person filing for the position.



President-Elect
Miles T. Pringle,
Oklahoma City

Miles Pringle is executive vice president and general counsel at The Bankers Bank in Oklahoma City. A native Oklahoman and third-generation attorney, Mr. Pringle is licensed to practice law in Oklahoma, Missouri and Texas. After

graduating from Heritage Hall High School, he obtained his bachelor's degrees from the University of Kansas in political science and history and his J.D. from the University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Law, where he was a member of the National Moot Court Team. Prior to joining The Bankers Bank, he was a partner with the law firm of Pringle & Pringle.

He has served the OBA and the legal community for many years, including as governor and vice president of the OBA Board of Governors, chair of the OBA Financial Institutions and Commercial Law Section and is currently chair of the OBA Legislative Monitoring Committee. He is a frequent CLE speaker on topics from banking law to legislative issues, and he has had multiple articles published in the *Oklahoma Bar Journal* and regularly contributes to the Oklahoma County Bar Association *Briefcase*. In 2018, he was awarded the

Oklahoma County Bar Association Geary L. Walke Briefcase Award and, in 2021, received the OBA President's Award.

Mr. Pringle is a recognized leader in the banking community. He has been a teacher for the Oklahoma Bankers Association Intermediate Banking School and other banking organizations. As an officer and past chair of the Financial Institution and Commercial Law Section, he helps to coordinate and present at the Annual Banking and Commercial Law Update.

He is also very involved in his community. Currently, Mr. Pringle is board president for Rainbow Fleet Inc., a nonprofit serving children and childcare professionals by providing training and referrals, operating a toy library and running an early childhood education center. He is also an Oklahoma City Rotary Club board member, Oklahoma's oldest and largest civic organization. Mr. Pringle and his wife, Andrea, have two sons and are members of St. Luke's United Methodist Church.



Vice President
D. Kenyon Williams Jr.,
Tulsa

Ken Williams is a shareholder at the Tulsa office of Hall Estill Hardwick Gable Golden & Nelson PC, having joined the firm in 1996. Prior to joining Hall Estill, Mr. Williams served as in-house counsel for Helmerich & Payne after

forming his own firm in 1977. He received his bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering from TU and his J.D. from the TU College of Law. He is licensed in Oklahoma and Arkansas and represents businesses and communities in environmental, regulatory, administrative and litigation matters.

Mr. Williams has been active in the OBA and the Tulsa County Bar Association throughout his career. He has served in almost every TCBA position, including president in 2014 and Trustee of the Tulsa County

Bar Foundation. While serving as president, the TCBA was awarded the OBA Outstanding County Bar Association Award. While he served as TCBA Law Day chair, the association also received the OBA Hicks Epton Law Day Award for its outstanding Law Day.

In the OBA, Mr. Williams served as Region 6 governor on the Board of Governors and as a master, vice chief master and presiding master for the Professional Responsibility Tribunal. He has also served as chair of the Environmental Law Section and on various other OBA committees. Currently, Mr. Williams serves on the Budget Committee and the Judicial Professional Responsibility Commission.

He is a frequent CLE presenter and the recipient of the OBA Earl Sneed Award in recognition of his contribution to continuing legal education. The TCBA also awarded him the Gary C. Clark Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his many years of service to the TCBA and the legal profession.

Mr. Williams serves as an elder of The Park Church of Christ, where he and his wife, Teresa, and two of their three adult children and families also attend. Their third adult child and two of their eight grandchildren live in Scottsdale, Arizona.



Supreme Court Judicial District Nine

Jana L. Knott, El Reno

Jana Knott joined Bass Law in 2018. Her practice focuses primarily on appellate litigation, advocacy, briefing and consultation. She handles civil appeals in all areas of the law in both state and federal court, including oil and

gas, trusts and estates, divorce, parental termination, appeals from the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, real property, municipal law and bankruptcy. She also represents clients who wish to participate in an appeal as an *amicus curiae*.

Ms. Knott represents clients in district courts across the state in civil litigation cases as both trial counsel and embedded appellate counsel. She often provides district court level brief-writing and complex motion-writing to other lawyers and firms in all areas of the law, including trust and estate disputes, business disputes, oil and gas litigation, municipal law and real property disputes.

Prior to joining the firm, she worked for seven years as a staff attorney to Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice Noma D. Gurich. In addition, she has worked as an adjunct professor for the OCU School of Law, teaching civil practice and procedure.

Ms. Knott co-hosts and produces *Oklahoma Appeals: The Podcast*, where she and her co-host discuss new cases published by the Oklahoma Supreme Court and the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals and interview guests on all topics related to civil litigation at both the district court and appellate court levels.



Member At-Large

Timothy Lee Rogers, Tulsa

Tim Rogers is a shareholder at Barrow & Grimm PC, where his practice focuses primarily on business and construction law. He maintains an active litigation practice, with an emphasis on construction, surety, business disputes, bankruptcy and employ-

ment law. The majority of Mr. Rogers' practice is in the construction industry, representing owners, developers, general contractors, subcontractors, material suppliers, architects, engineers and surety companies with drafting and negotiating of contracts and dispute resolution involving contractual disputes, construction defects, mechanic's and materialmen's liens, bond claims and other related matters. He also regularly handles commercial leases and business contracts. He was recently named to *Oklahoma Magazine's* 40 Under 40 list.

Previously, Mr. Rogers served on the OBA Young Lawyers Division Board of Directors and is a graduate of the OBA's Leadership Academy. He also served on the Tulsa County Bar Association Board of Directors and as chair of the TCBA Young Lawyers Division. He was named the TCBA's Outstanding Young Lawyer for 2010-2011 and received the President's Award for Distinguished Service for 2010-2011.

In addition to his legal activities, he served as president of the TU College of Law Alumni Association and on the Leadership Tulsa and Tulsa Mayfest boards of directors. He is a member of the Oklahoma Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors Inc. and the Associated General Contractors of Oklahoma. Mr. Rogers graduated from OSU, where he received his BBA in economics and a minor in finance in 2005. He received J.D. with honors from the TU College of Law in 2008.



OBA YLD Chair
Caroline M. Shaffer Siex,
Tulsa

Caroline Shaffer Siex is a December 2016 graduate of the TU College of Law. She currently works at Gibbs Armstrong Borochoff PC, handling civil litigation, nursing home defense and family law matters.

Ms. Shaffer Siex has served the OBA as a member of the YLD Board of Directors since 2017 and as the YLD Hospitality chair from 2018 to 2019. In 2020,

she served as the board's secretary, and in 2021, she served as the board's treasurer. From 2020 through 2021, she concurrently served as the ABA YLD district representative for District 24 (Oklahoma and Arkansas).

During her time on the board, she has shown her willingness and effort to help other young lawyers, especially those just emerging into practice, by passing out bar exam survival kits, hosting a swearing-in happy hour for the newly admitted Tulsa-area lawyers and attending the TU bar preparation class to provide information about the Oklahoma bar and advice to law students. She has also contributed to publications aimed at assisting young lawyers to grow in their careers.

2022 OBA Trailblazer Award

Mike Knopp, Executive Director
RIVERSPORT Foundation

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and how we see ourselves*

Trailblazers forge ahead where others might falter. Mike Knopp has lead Oklahoma City's movement toward a more active, outdoor culture, created meaningful change in thousands of young lives, and brought the Olympic Movement to the Oklahoma River. Today, RIVERSPORT and Oklahoma City's Boathouse District stand as a testament to his vision and the willingness of our city to embrace bold ideas.



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