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Attorneys at Law

Jim Gotwals

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James R. Gotwals is Of Counsel Member of Barrow | Grimm, P.C. With a legal career spanning over 49 years, he has earned a reputation for being an aggressive advocate, successful trial attorney, and effective mediator. After receiving a B.B.A. in Finance in 1972 and Law Degree in 1975 from the University of Oklahoma, Mr. Gotwals founded James R. Gotwals and Associates, Inc. in 1978. He is licensed to practice in all Oklahoma State courts, the U.S. District Courts and Bankruptcy Courts for the Northern and Eastern Districts of Oklahoma, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. He has handled over 80 appeals and generated over 15 published cases. Mr. Gotwals has an AV rating in Martindale-Hubbell®, and is listed in The Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers™. Mr. Gotwals enjoys traveling with his wife, spending time with his children and grandchildren, attending OU football games, boating, and golfing in his spare time.

Practice Areas

- Family and Domestic Litigation
- Civil and Commercial Litigation
- Mediation (Certified Mediator, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine College of Law)
- Real Estate
- Business Organizations
- Probate Law

Honors and Awards

- TCBA Hood-Corbitt Award for Excellence in Family Law, 2012
- TCBA Gary C. Clark Distinguished Service Award, 2016-2017
- Council Oaks/Johnson-Sontag Chapter of the American Inns of Court, Master of the Bar
- *Galbraith v. Galbraith*, 2024 OK 43, 550 P.3d 942, 2024 OBA Family Law Case of the Year

Professional, Community and Pro Bono Involvement

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Domestic Relations, 1993-present; Family Law Mediation, 2011-present; Co-Family Lawyer of the Year in Oklahoma, 2013; and Family Law Mediator of the Year, 2024
- *Super Lawyers*®, *Family Law* since the inception of Super Lawyers to the present
- Oklahoma Bar Association (Active member; Sustaining Fellow of Oklahoma Bar Foundation;

OBA Board of Governors District 6, 2015-2017; Past Chair, OBA Family Law Section)

- Tulsa County Bar Association (Active member; Past President, TCBA/TCBA Family Law Section/Tulsa County Bar Foundation; Past member, TCBA Board of Directors)
- Volunteer lawyer for Legal Services of Eastern Oklahoma & DVIS Conflicts Panel
- Marian Council 1104 Knights of Columbus
- Tulsa Central High School Foundation, Board of Directors
- Original member of the Quality Assurance Panel, 1999-2004, re-appointed 2011-present
- American Bar Association, Member

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