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BIOGRAPHY

Richard Riggs concentrates his practice in real estate and other commercial transactions. He regularly represents clients in real estate purchases and sales, real estate leasing and financing transactions and secured transactions in personal property. Those transactions have included real estate developments facilitated through federal, state and local government incentives, including tax increment financing. In addition to his participation in project finance transactions, Richard regularly represents borrowers in connection with syndicated credit facilities.

Richard also represents clients involved in the emerging field of renewable energy and co-chairs the firm's Renewable & Sustainable Energy Industry Group. His experience includes representing developers of wind energy projects as well as landowners negotiating wind energy lease and easement agreements with developers.

Richard has published papers and presented continuing education seminars on real estate acquisition and finance, loan foreclosures and workouts, commercial leasing and secured transactions. He was a contributor to *The Commercial Property Lease*, published by the ABA in 1993 and to *State-By-State Guide to Commercial Real Estate Leases*, published by Aspen Publishers in 2004.

Richard's achievements have earned him inclusion in *Chambers USA Guide to America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, *The Best Lawyers in America* (real estate law) and *Oklahoma Super Lawyers*. He has also been elected to the American College of Real Estate Lawyers. In 2003, he taught Real Estate Transactions as an adjunct professor at the University of Oklahoma College of Law.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Representation of parties to the following types of real estate transactions throughout the United States:
 - » Purchases and sales
 - » Exchanges
 - » Industrial, office and retail leasing
 - » Ground leasing
 - » Mortgage financing
- Representation of borrowers in connection with secured and unsecured credit facilities
- Representation of parties to equipment and other personal property leasing and financing transactions
- Representation of nonprofit entities in real estate transactions

- Representation of developers in transactions utilizing tax increment financing and other federal, state and local government incentives
- Representation of professional sports franchise in negotiating agreements related to use of public arena facilities
- Representation of parties to transactions related to wind energy projects

ADMISSIONS

- Oklahoma, 1974

EDUCATION

- J.D., *cum laude*, University of Michigan, 1974
- B.A, with distinction, University of Oklahoma, 1971; Phi Beta Kappa

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Oklahoma County Bar Association (Board of Directors)
- Oklahoma Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Oklahoma Bar Foundation
- American College of Real Estate Lawyers
- Oklahoma City Commercial Real Estate Council
- Urban Land Institute

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

- Oklahoma Bar Foundation (Benefactor Fellow; President, Board of Trustees)
- Edmond Public Schools Foundation (Former Trustee and President)
- Indian Nations Presbytery (Former Trustee and President)