

Steven P. Cole

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Overview

Steve Cole is a tax attorney whose practice covers a broad range of federal and state tax law and business law issues for individuals and business entities. He consults frequently on complex tax planning, tax litigation, and wills, trusts, fiduciary and estate litigation.

Steve's achievements have earned him inclusion in *Oklahoma Super Lawyers* and in *The Best Lawyers in America* (business organizations; corporate law; tax law; tax litigation and controversy; trusts and estates; trust and estates litigation). He was selected by *Best Lawyers* as the "Oklahoma City Trust and Estates Litigation Lawyer of the Year" for 2019 and "Oklahoma City Tax Litigation and Controversy Lawyer of the Year" for 2020, and "Oklahoma City Tax Lawyer of the Year" for 2021, honors given to a single lawyer in each legal specialty in each market.

Steve is married to Janna and they have two daughters, Jordan and Elaine, and a son, Carter. He is an avid diver, snow skier and Thunder fan.

Representative Experience

- Estate planning for high net worth individuals
- Corporate representation involving businesses engaged in oil and gas, energy, real estate, manufacturing, medical, banking, and farming and ranching
- Loss of memory planning, dementia planning, Alzheimer's planning
- Will contest litigation, probate proceedings, trust litigation, fiduciary litigation, and estate litigation
- Tax litigation, including representation of individuals and business entities before the Internal Revenue Service and Oklahoma Tax Commission

Admissions

Oklahoma, 1985

Texas, 2002

U.S. District Court for the Western and Eastern Districts of Oklahoma

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

U.S. Tax Court

Education

LL.M. Taxation, New York University, 1988

J.D., with honors, University of Oklahoma, 1985

B.B.A., with distinction, University of Oklahoma, 1982

Professional Organizations and Memberships

Oklahoma Bar Association

State Bar of Texas

Civic Involvement and Leadership

Positive Tomorrows (Past President)

Oklahoma City Police Athletic League (Past President)

- Asset protection planning
- Insurance planning
- End-of-life planning

Honors and Awards

- Selected by peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* (business organizations; corporate law; tax law; tax litigation and controversy; trusts and estates; trust and estates litigation)
- Named “Oklahoma City Trusts and Estates Litigation Lawyer of the Year” for 2019 and “Oklahoma City Tax Litigation and Controversy Lawyer of the Year” for 2020 and “Oklahoma City Tax Lawyer of the Year” for 2021 by *The Best Lawyers in America*
- Listed in *Oklahoma Super Lawyers*
- Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Ratings