

# Gary C. Clark

## Distinguished Service Award



# Philip Hixon

Philip Hixon is a GableGotwals shareholder with almost 20 years of litigation and contract negotiation experience representing clients in a variety of legal matters including healthcare, construction, business counseling, and general civil litigation. Philip also serves on the board of Morton Comprehensive Health Services. He is a past board member of Tulsa Habitat for Humanity and Rebuilding Together Tulsa and a past member of the Will Rogers Memorial Commission.

Philip has held several offices in the Tulsa County Bar Association; he chaired the Health Law Section, served as the Treasurer, and now serves as the Vice President. The TCBA previously recognized Philip as its Outstanding Young Lawyer and President's Award recipient in 2003-2004.

Philip is now being honored with the Gary C. Clark Distinguished service award. This award recognizes those few individuals who have, over the years, donated their time and talents to the Tulsa County Bar Association, above and beyond what others do. The Award is "...for extraordinary service to the Tulsa County Bar Association and contributions to the Legal profession."

This is certainly well descriptive of Philip. Philip has consistently demonstrated an uncompromising commitment to professionalism and ethical lawyering. His colleagues state that he reminds them of the prototypical community servant lawyer, who puts professional reputation and his client's best interests ahead of ego and financial gain. He has always been dependable, excelled in his legal aptitude, invited challenging work and, importantly, treated his colleagues with respect and civility. Philip is the definition of team player – willing to accept and accomplish with exemplary outcomes the role that best contributes to the team effort. His generous investment of time and leadership with the Tulsa County Bar Association exemplifies his desire to be the complete lawyer and has brought him great satisfaction...giving back and enhancing the Association.

This past year, Philip spearheaded the development and organization of "Will Clinics" for first responders and their families. In the midst of the pandemic, Philip thought of those essential personnel on the front lines of every event in Tulsa. The clinics were advertised, provided appointment times and appropriate social distancing and other health care precautions. Because of Philip, 92 first responders and spouses created or updated wills with the assistance of 15 generous and dedicated Tulsa Attorneys.

Those well acquainted with Gary Clark, validate that Philip's selection will make Gary quite proud, as Philip demonstrates similar character and contributions as those Gary became known for.

Congratulations Philip.

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