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An experienced trial and appellate attorney, Jim Milton practices in the areas of commercial litigation, water law, and trust and estate litigation. He also serves on the firm's Board of Directors. Throughout his career he has focused on assisting clients with trust and estate litigation, including probate, will contests, guardianship and elder abuse. Within this practice, Jim regularly assists other attorneys in resolving complex probate, trust and guardianship disputes - whether as first or second chair litigator, strategy consultant, or resource for research and preparation of pleadings and legal arguments. Jim also provides compliance reviews in guardianship and probate matters, and assists in resolving complex real title issues in the fiduciary context.

Additionally, Jim has developed a water law practice that includes defending developers and municipal utility authorities against claims asserted by rural water districts, as well as drafting wholesale water contracts.

Jim has been recognized an Oklahoma Super Lawyer in Estate & Trust Litigation, as well as a Band 3 attorney by Chambers USA in General Commercial Litigation and Band 2 by Chambers High Net Worth Guide which ranks the top lawyers and law firms for international private wealth. He was named the 2021 Best Lawyers Tulsa Litigation-Trusts & Estate "Lawyer of the Year," and also listed as a Best Lawyer in America in Commercial Litigation, Litigation-Municipal, Litigation-Trusts & Estates and Water Law. Further, he has an individual AV peer review rating by Martindale Hubbell, received a President's Award from the Tulsa County Bar Association in 2009, 2018 and 2019. In 2011, he accepted the Oklahoma Bar Association Golden Gavel Award on behalf of the OBA Civil Procedure & Evidence Code Committee, which he chaired for 12 years.

In addition, in 2006 Jim was named to The Journal Record's "Achievers Under 40" list and in 2009 to its "Leadership in Law" list, while in 2013 he was named to the Power Attorneys & Legal Professionals list by the Tulsa Business & Legal News.

