



TODD D. POWELL
PARTNER



“I am a sixth-generation Phillips County native and am passionate about western Kansas and the people and values of this part of the state. That passion extends especially to education and learning, values imparted to me by my family—my parents and grandmother were all educators. Being an attorney represents a constant educational process for me, not just to earn my law degree but to continually learn new and changing areas of the law, and new and different ways to assist clients. In my nearly 17 years of practice I have been exposed to a wide variety of areas of the law and this has helped me hone the process of constant learning, and also enabled me to develop creative problem-solving skills to assist my clients who find themselves in unique and sometimes challenging circumstances. This is ultimately what being a lawyer means to me: helping clients manage risks, solve problems, and take advantage of opportunities in their business or personal life through the legal system. I strive to apply my lifetime of education, a passion for learning, a creative approach, and an open mind to every challenge or opportunity facing my clients.”

Areas of Practice:

- Government Law
- Appellate Practice
- Business/Transactional
- Administrative Law
- Labor/Employment
- Personal Injury

Career Overview: Todd, who has been practicing law since 1998, brings our firm a unique perspective gained from both private practice and as General Counsel to a premier state university. He has extensive experience in transactional law, contracts, employment and labor law, personal injury, and appellate practice, having successfully argued cases before both the Kansas Supreme Court and Kansas Court of Appeals. The last ten years Todd has served as the General Counsel and Executive Assistant to the President for Fort Hays State University. Prior to that, Todd served as Research Attorney to the Honorable David S. Knudson at the Court of Appeals for the State of Kansas, and practiced law with the firm of Cavanaugh, Smith & Lemon, P.A., Topeka. While in Topeka Todd was an adjunct professor at Washburn University School of Law teaching pre-trial procedure.

Todd currently serves on the Ellis County Economic Development Coalition and was its president from 2010 to 2012. He is a board member of the Hays Area Chamber of Commerce and is Past President of the Hays Kiwanis Club. He was in the 2005 Leadership Kansas Class and was the Leadership Kansas Local Chair for Hays in 2010. While in Topeka Todd was a part of the Leadership Topeka Class of 2002, and was on the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club of Topeka. Todd is currently an adjunct instructor at FHSU, teaching Business Law, Healthcare Law, Law for Recreation and Sport Managers, and Higher Education Law.

Todd is a member of the Kansas Bar Association and Ellis County Bar Association. He is licensed to practice in Kansas, Missouri, the United States District Court for the District of Kansas, the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, and the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Education: Todd graduated Cum Laude from Washburn University School of Law in 1998. B.S., Fort Hays State University, 1995, with a major in History and a minor in Political Science. Graduated from Phillipsburg High School, 1991.

On a Personal Note: Todd was born in Goodland, Kansas. He and his wife Trina have two children.

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