



Rick Kells Outstanding Tax Professional Award Process and Criteria

The OSCPAs Taxation Committee is searching for professionals worthy of its prestigious Rick Kells Outstanding Tax Professional Award. The award recognizes individual achievement and leadership as a certified public accountant practicing in taxation.

This award honors the late Richard "Rick" Kells, a partner with the law firm of Hartzog Conger Cason & Neville, P.C. He was past president of the Oklahoma City Tax Lawyers Group, past chairman of the OBA Tax Section and past Chairman of the Oklahoma Society of CPAs' Taxation Committee. Kells served on the Board of Directors for the OSCPAs. He was a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and was listed in The Best Lawyers in America in Tax Law and Trusts & Estates Law.

The award will be presented at the Oklahoma Tax Institute. The nominee will also be recognized at the Annual Members Meeting Award, receive coverage in **CPAFOCUS**. Additionally, news releases will be sent to relevant newspapers.

Suggested criteria for selecting nominees is:

- A member of the OSCPAs and employed in taxation;
- Distinguished by having made a significant contribution to the growth or success of his/her firm or organization in the area of taxation;
- Distinguished by having made a significant contribution to the growth and enhancement of the profession; and
- Nominated through a formal process by an OSCPAs member at large, committee or chapter.