

Special Award

Nomination Form

Please attach this form to your one-page nomination for a Special Award. This award will be presented to the member(s) or group(s) who/which has made an extraordinary contribution to AAPL, the land profession, the industry, or the community. May include but is not limited to:

- **Education** – may be presented to a member who has achieved a level of unusual distinction in AAPL’s continuing education program as demonstrated by his/her contribution of time and service to the betterment of land professionals.
- **AAPL Committee Member Award** – may be presented to an AAPL Committee member who has greatly exceeded expectations.
- **Community Service** – may be presented to a member who has contributed greatly toward civic improvement in his/her local community.
- **Other** – may be presented to a member who has achieved unusual distinction or contributed significantly the betterment of land professionals in any other way deemed worthy of recognition.

NAME OF NOMINEE: Robert J. Sher, CPL

LOCAL ASSOCIATION AFFILIATION: Tulsa Association of Petroleum Landmen

NOMINATED BY: Mariena Martin, President

Robert Sher, JD | CPL
Director - Land, Legal and Business Development
Adaptive Edge, LLC

An Oklahoma Bar licensed attorney and a Certified Professional Landman (CPL) as certified by the AAPL, Robert Sher is the Director of Land, Legal and Business Development for Adaptive Edge, LLC. With a focus on digital transformation, process optimization and business and organizational strategy, Adaptive Edge works with industry leaders to drive lasting transformation through adapting to new ways of working with innovative tools and technology.

Prior to his current role, Robert spent nearly fifteen years with Coterra Energy (fka Cimarex Energy Co.). During his tenure at Cimarex, Robert was given roles of increasing responsibility, moving from a Senior Landman position to reporting directly to the Executive Team, leading the Corporate Land, Land Data, Records, Division Orders, Leases and Contracts teams.

Robert received both his undergraduate and law degree from the University of Oklahoma, is an alumni of Tulsa University's ELITE Leadership Institute, as well as an alumni of Leadership Tulsa's flagship program. In 2023 Robert completed the training to become a GiANT Certified Guide to assist others in their leadership journey.

In addition to his professional career, Robert has invested countless hours serving the community of Tulsa in a variety of ways, most notably with his extensive Board experience in the non-profit sector.

Robert sits on the Board of Directors for Family & Children's Services (F&CS), Oklahoma's largest community mental health provider. With over ten years of service to F&CS, Robert is currently serving in dual roles on the Executive Committee, both as the Chair of Board Development, as well as Board Secretary. Additionally, he also serves on the Resource and Development Committee and has twice served as Event Chair for the Agency's premier event, "The Party, just wear white"; an event that now annually raises more than one million dollars for the agency. Robert is also recognized for having designed and launched F&CS's Young Professional Advisory Council (YPAC). Today YPAC continues to attract, educate and train young professionals on philanthropic community service.

Additionally, Robert also sits of the Board for Tulsa KLIFE, a national student discipleship ministry for which he assisted in establishing the local Tulsa chapter. Now in his fifth year, Robert currently serves as the Board President providing overall leadership to Board and Staff, as well as managing the long-term planning of the ministry.

Previously, Robert served on the Administrative Board for Asbury Church, a local Church with more than 8,000 members, for nearly five years. In that role, along with the long-term vision and planning for Asbury, Robert was also responsible for the oversight of finances, staff, and facilities.

Robert is an active member and former Board member of the Tulsa Association of Petroleum Landmen (TAPL). Having more than five years of Board involvement, Robert has served TAPL as President, Vice President, Past President, Membership Director, Communications Director, and External Affairs Director. He has been a featured speaker at the AAPL Annual Meeting (2023), TAPL Spring Seminar (2022), and SADOA Luncheon (2022).

Robert resides in Tulsa, Oklahoma with his wife of nearly 20 years, Heather, their two children, Ellison and Sutton, and their beloved bernadoodle, Murray.