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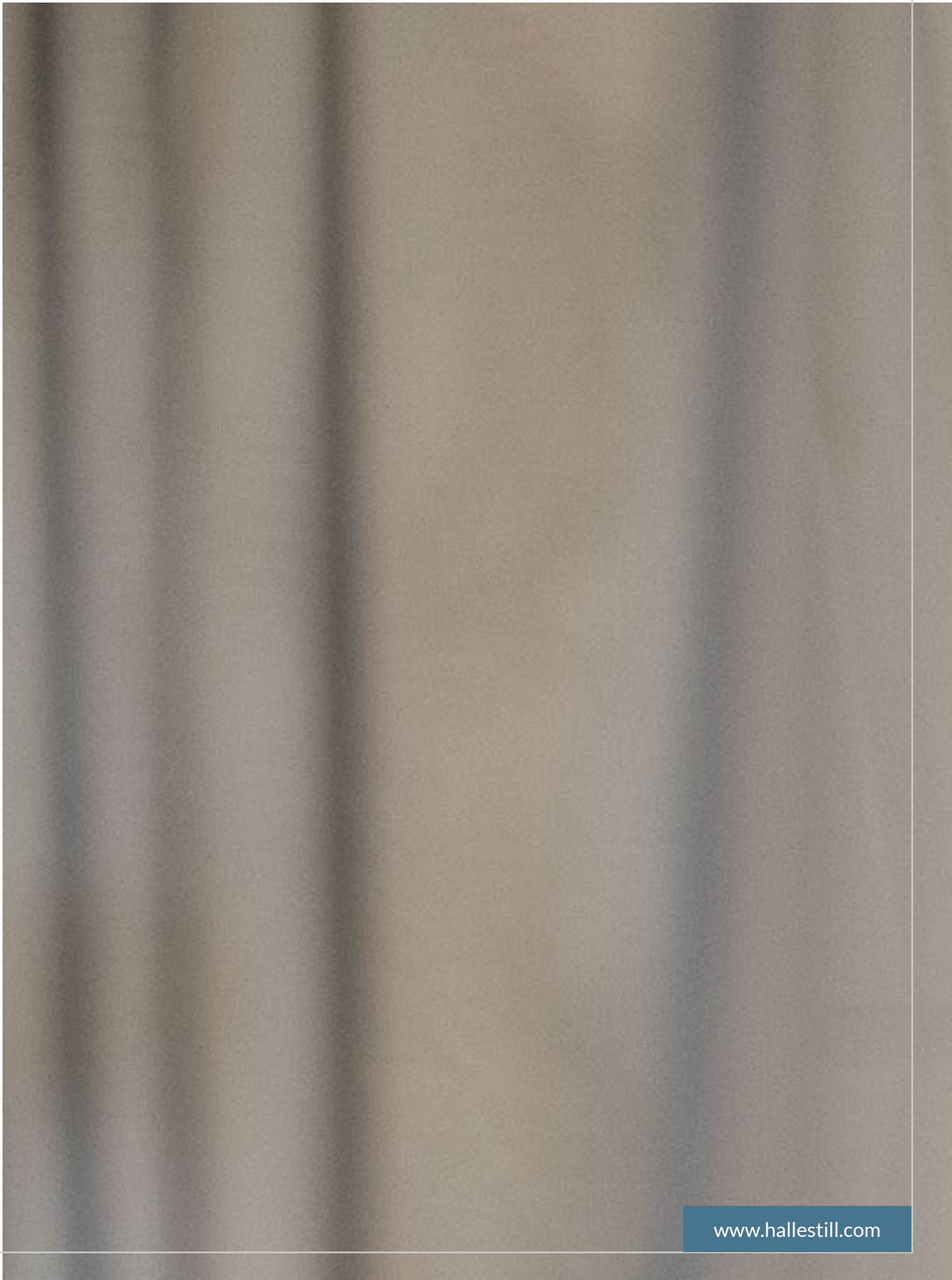
Hall Estill Shareholders Honored for Outstanding Contributions by Tulsa County Bar

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Hall Estill, a leading regional Southwestern law firm, with offices in Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Denver and Northwest Arkansas, has announced that the Tulsa County Bar Association (TCBA) presented awards to two Tulsa attorneys for outstanding contributions to the legal profession; shareholders Mark Blongewicz and James Milton. In addition, D.K. "Ken" Williams Jr., was recognized by the Tulsa County Bar Foundation (TCBF). The awards luncheon took place Thursday, August 22, 2019.



Outgoing TCBA President, Ann Keele, awarded Mark Blongewicz the TCBA Neil E. Bogan Award for Professionalism. The award honors a Tulsa County lawyer who is known for his or her conduct, honesty, integrity and courtesy and who faithfully adheres to the highest standards within the legal profession. Read more about the award HERE. Blongewicz focuses his practice in the litigation arena with an emphasis on tort and insurance defense and other insurance issues. He was previously selected as a Best Lawyer in America in both Commercial Litigation and Insurance Law and named the 2020 Best Lawyers' Lawyer of the Year - Insurance Law for Tulsa. He received his J.D. from Duke University School of Law.



Jim Milton was a recipient of the TCBA Presidents' Award for the second consecutive year, in recognition of his dedication to and the volunteer work he provides on behalf of the TCBA. Milton also accepted the gavel to become the next TCBA President, effective immediately. An experienced trial and appellate attorney, Milton practices in the areas of commercial litigation, water law, and trust and estate litigation. He has been recognized as an Oklahoma Super Lawyer in Estate & Trust Litigation, as well as a Band 1 attorney by Chambers USA in General Commercial Litigation. He received his J.D. from University of Texas School of Law.



Ken Williams was a recipient of the TCBF Presidents' Award for his work related to finding an effective and economic method of removing graffiti from the Tulsa Bar Center. Williams is a 40-year business defense attorney with expertise in environmental, municipal law, natural resources, real estate and renewable energy law. He was previously named 2017's Best Lawyers Litigation-Environmental, a Local Litigation Star by Benchmark Litigation, and an Oklahoma Super Lawyer in Energy & Natural Resources. He received his J.D. from University of Tulsa College of Law.

“We are immensely grateful to leaders like Mark, Ken and Jim who provide assistance as valuable resources for both the legal profession as well as for members of the Tulsa community,” said Mike Cooke, managing partner for Hall Estill. “At Hall Estill, we believe that service to others makes our organization stronger.”

From continuing legal education and support services, to lawyer referral services, the TCBA is dedicated to helping its members achieve their goals, and to promoting public awareness and keeping the legal system accessible to all. Founded in 1903 with just ten members, today its membership exceeds 2,200 attorneys, and the TCBA is one of the premier legal service and education groups in the country. Individual Tulsans of all ages, ethnic groups and backgrounds, as well as the community as a whole, benefit daily from the dedication of its members.

Attorneys

- Mark K. Blongewicz
- James C. Milton
- D. K. Williams Jr.