

News & Insights

Hall Estill Attorneys Recognized as 2026 Best Lawyers in America®, Lawyers of the Year and Ones to Watch

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Hall Estill, a regional Southwestern law firm headquartered in Oklahoma, with offices in Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Denver and Northwest Arkansas, announced seven of its attorneys were selected as 2026 Best Lawyers® Lawyers of the Year, over 60 Hall Estill attorneys were selected for inclusion as The Best Lawyers® in America 2026, and seven Best Lawyers® Ones to Watch.

Since it was first published in 1983, Best Lawyers has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. Because Best Lawyers is based on a peer-review survey in which more than 36,000 leading attorneys cast almost 4.4 million votes on the legal abilities of the other lawyers in their practice areas. Corporate Counsel magazine has called Best Lawyers "the most respected referral list of attorneys in practice."

Best Lawyers 2026 Lawyers of the Year from Hall Estill:

Bryan Nowlin – Best Lawyers' 2026 Tulsa Litigation- Trusts and Estates "Lawyer of the Year"

Pamela Goldberg - Best Lawyers' 2026 Tulsa Corporate Governance Law "Lawyer of the Year"

Robert F. Dougherty - Best Lawyers' Tulsa 2026 Real Estate Law "Lawyer of the Year"

Larry G. Ball - Best Lawyers' 2026 Oklahoma City Litigation – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law "Lawyer of the Year"

Randy K. McCarthy – Best Lawyers' 2026 Oklahoma City Litigation - Patent "Lawyer of the Year"

Best Lawyers 2026 Northwest Arkansas Office
Robert K. Rhoads, Litigation-Municipal

Best Lawyers 2026 Denver Office
Jeffrey C. Friedman, Real Estate Law

Tulsa Office Best Lawyers in America 2026

Gregory W. Alberty, Real Estate Law
Pamela S. Anderson, Oil & Gas Law
Vaden F. Bales, Real Estate Law
Mark Banner, Commercial Litigation, Energy Law
Mark K. Blongewicz, Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law
Steven A. Broussard, Employment Law-Management, Labor Law-Management, Litigation-Labor & Employment
Christopher L. Carter, Real Estate Law
W. Deke Canada, Commercial Finance Law, Corporate Law
Thomas A. Creekmore III, Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation-Bankruptcy
Samantha Weyrauch Davis, Trusts & Estates, Nonprofit/Charities Law, Tax Law
Robert F. Dougherty, Corporate Law, Real Estate Law
Heather Flynn Earnhart, Family Law
Kristen Pence Evans, Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law
Kyle D. Freeman, Energy Law
Pamela H. Goldberg, Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Corporate Law, Corporate Governance Law
Michael D. Graves, Environmental Law, Litigation-Environmental
Del L. Gustafson, Corporate Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law, Securities Regulation
Sarah E. Hansel, Business Organizations (including LLC's and Partnerships), Technology Law, Mergers & Acquisitions Law
James C.T. Hardwick, Commercial Litigation, Natural Resources Law, Oil & Gas Law
J. Kevin Hayes, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Energy Law
Brian T. Inbody, Commercial Litigation, Oil & Gas Law
Betsy G. Jackson, Banking & Finance Law, Corporate Law, Corporate Governance Law
Ann E. Keele - Family Law and Family Law Mediation
Michael T. Keester, Commercial Litigation, Litigation-Construction, Litigation-Municipal
Daniel R. Ketchum II, Trusts and Estates
James C. Milton, Commercial Litigation, Litigation-Municipal, Litigation-Trusts & Estates
Bryan J. Nowlin, Commercial Litigation, Family Law, Litigation-Trusts & Estates, Water Law
William W. O'Connor, Commercial Litigation
Jon M. Payne, Insurance Law
James J. Proszek, Communications Law
Stephen W. Ray, Corporate Compliance Law, Corporate Governance Law, Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law, Securities Regulation
James M. Reed, Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Bankruptcy, Litigation-Securities
John T. Richer - Bankruptcy & Creditor-Debtor Rights/Insolvency & Reorganization Law, Litigation-Bankruptcy
Gregory P. Reilly - Commercial Litigation
Johnathan L. Rogers - Litigation – Labor & Employment
Thomas P. Schroedter, Administrative/Regulatory Law, Energy Law, Energy Regulatory Law,Oil & Gas Law
Natalie S. Sears - Litigation – Trusts & Estates
Steven W. Soulé, Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation-Bankruptcy, Bet-the-Company Litigation
Richard A. Wagner II, Family Law
Keith A. Wilkes, Employment Law-Management
D. Kenyon "Ken" Williams, Jr., Litigation-Environmental

Andrew M. Wolov, Tax Law, Trusts & Estates

Oklahoma City Office Best Lawyers in America 2026

Larry G. Ball, Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation-Bankruptcy
Daniel V. Carsey, Commercial Litigation, Oil & Gas Law
Seth A. Day - Commercial Litigation
Jon A. Epstein, Litigation-First Amendment, Media Law
Michael R. Ford, Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law, Real Estate
John W. Gile, Family Law
Matthew R. Gile, Family Law
Kent A. Gilliland, Banking and Finance Law
Daniel J. Glover, Banking and Finance Law, Litigation-Banking and Finance, Real Estate Law
J. Frederick Kempf, Jr., Real Estate Law
Randall K. McCarthy, Copyright Law, Litigation-Intellectual Property, Patent Law, Litigation – Patent, Trademark Law, Trade Secrets Law
Robert D. Nelon, First Amendment Law, Litigation-First Amendment
Raymond S. Rudnicki, Energy Law
Michael E. Smith, Litigation-Environmental
Michael H. Smith, Patent Law, Trade Secrets Law, Trademark Law
Elaine R. Turner, Employment Law-Management, Litigation-Labor & Employment
Moira C.G. Watson, Banking and Finance Law and Corporate Law

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch Denver Office

Zachary Al-Tabbaa - Intellectual Property Law, Litigation – Intellectual Property, Patent Law
Joel P. Johnston - Energy Law
J. Kirk McGill, Commercial Litigation

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch Tulsa Office

Logan L. James, Litigation-Trusts & Estates
Margo E. Shipley, Commercial Litigation

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch Oklahoma City Office

Jared R. Ford, Banking and Finance Law and Corporate Law
Bryan R. Lynch, Commercial Litigation, Corporate Law, Litigation-Labor and Employment, Litigation-Banking & Finance, Oil & Gas Law

Practices

- Tax
- Alternative / Renewable Energy
- Banking & Financial Services

- Environmental Services
- Labor & Employment
- Corporate & Business Services
- Corporate & Business Services
- Oil & Gas
- Bankruptcy, Restructuring & Creditor's Rights
- Intellectual Property
- Litigation
- Real Estate
- Family Law
- Municipal & Public Authority
- Estate Planning & Trusts
- Media & First Amendment
- Non-Profit Organizations & Private Foundations