



## News & Insights

### Hall Estill Attorneys Recognized as Best Lawyers in America and Lawyers of the Year 2019

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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 11 of its attorneys were selected as 2019 Best Lawyers® Lawyers of the Year and nearly 50 Hall Estill attorneys were selected for inclusion as The Best Lawyers® in America 2019.

“The level of representation on this year’s Best Lawyers in America list speaks to the firm’s growth and steadfast commitment to provide the best level of counsel to our clients,” said Mike Cooke, managing partner for Hall Estill. “Our firm’s success is built on the experience and professionalism of our attorneys in providing legal counsel and service to our clients.”

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 2019 Lawyers of the Year from Hall Estill are:

Vaden F. Bales, Best Lawyers 2019 Tulsa Real Estate Law “Lawyer of the Year”  
Larry G. Ball, Best Lawyers 2019 Oklahoma City Litigation-Bankruptcy Law “Lawyer of the Year”  
Michael D. Cooke, Best Lawyers 2019 Tulsa Mergers and Acquisitions Law “Lawyer of the Year”  
Thomas A. Creekmore III, Best Lawyers 2019 Tulsa Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law “Lawyer of the Year”  
J. Kevin Hayes, Best Lawyers 2019 Tulsa Energy Law “Lawyer of the Year”  
Kenneth L. Hunt, Best Lawyers 2019 Tulsa Tax Law “Lawyer of the Year”  
Michael T. Keester, Best Lawyers 2019 Tulsa Litigation-Construction Law “Lawyer of the Year”  
Randall K. McCarthy, Best Lawyers 2019 Oklahoma City Litigation-Intellectual Property Law “Lawyer of the Year”  
P. David Newsome, Jr., Best Lawyers 2019 Tulsa Litigation-Securities “Lawyer of the Year”  
Stephen W. Ray, Best Lawyers 2019 Tulsa Corporate Compliance Law “Lawyer of the Year”  
Michael E. Smith, Best Lawyers 2019 Oklahoma City Litigation-Environmental Law “Lawyer of the Year”

## Tulsa Office Best Lawyers in America 2019

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

W. Deke Canada, Commercial Finance Law, Corporate Law

Michael D. Cooke, Banking & Finance Law, Communications Law, Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions Law

Thomas A. Creekmore III, Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation-Bankruptcy

Samantha Weyrauch Davis, Trusts & Estates

Robert F. Dougherty, Corporate Law, Real Estate Law

Heather Flynn Earnhart, Family 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

James C.T. Hardwick, Commercial Litigation, Natural Resources Law, Oil & Gas Law

J. Kevin Hayes, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Energy Law

Kenneth L. Hunt, Tax Law, Litigation & Controversy-Tax

Betsy G. Jackson, Banking & Finance Law, Corporate Law, Corporate Governance Law

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, Water Law

P. David Newsome, Corporate Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law, Securities Regulation, Litigation-Securities

William W. O'Connor, Commercial Litigation

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

Thomas P. Schroedter, Administrative/Regulatory Law, Energy Law, Oil & Gas Law

Steven W. Soulé, Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation-Bankruptcy

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 2019

Larry G. Ball, Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation-Bankruptcy

Jon A. Epstein, Litigation-First Amendment

Michael R. Ford, Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law,  
Securities/Capital Markets Law

John W. Gile, Family Law

Kent A. Gilliland, Banking and Finance Law

Daniel J. Glover, Banking and Finance Law, Litigation-Banking and Finance, 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

Ralph E. Seals, Jr., Oil & Gas 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