



## News & Insights

### 2025 Super Lawyers Recognizes Hall Estill Colorado Rising Stars

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#### *Super Lawyers*

Hall Estill, a southwest leading law firm, with offices in Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Denver and Northwest Arkansas, announces Colorado attorneys Joel Johnston and Kirk McGill were selected by their peers for inclusion on the Super Lawyers annual list. Both were named Colorado Rising Stars, a prestigious recognition for up-and-coming attorneys.

Shareholder Joel Johnston began his legal career with Hall Estill after graduating from law school in 2015. Prior to practicing law, he worked as an environmental and engineering consultant nationally, most recently co-managing the national oil and gas business sector for a nationwide consulting firm. He has significant experience with both the technical and commercial aspects of large infrastructure projects, but is also well versed in assisting small business owners with routine compliance matters. Joel focuses his practice in three main areas: Environmental, Regulatory, and Corporate Services.

J. Kirk McGill is a Shareholder and is stationed in the firm's Denver office but practices throughout the country in essentially all of the firm's practice areas. Kirk leverages his knowledge, skills, training and experience to effectively and efficiently assist his clients with transactional, litigation, and administrative/regulatory matters. Kirk practice is broad and routinely involves Federal and state appeals, litigation, constitutional law and civil rights defense, tax, estates and trusts, business law, administrative law and regulatory compliance, contracts, commercial transactions, and cybersecurity.

Super Lawyers has been recognized by bar associations and courts across the country for the legitimacy and rigor of its selection process. Attorneys are selected using a rigorous, multi-phase rating process including peer nominations and evaluations combined with third-party research. Each candidate is evaluated on 12 indicators of peer recognition and professional achievement, and the lawyers recognized represent no more than 5% of the lawyers in the state.

Launched in 1998, Rising Stars is a list that recognizes the top up-and-coming attorneys in the state. To qualify for this award, candidates must be 40 years old or younger or have been practicing for 10 years or less.

#### Attorneys

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- Joel P. Johnston
- Dr. J. Kirk McGill Esq.