

## News & Insights

### **Hall Estill Attorneys Recognized as 2025 Best Lawyers in America®, Lawyers of the Year and Ones to Watch**

August 15, 2024

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 2025 Best Lawyers® Lawyers of the Year, over 60 Hall Estill attorneys were selected for inclusion as The Best Lawyers® in America 2025, 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 2025 Lawyers of the Year from Hall Estill:**

Steven A. Broussard – Best Lawyers’ 2025 Tulsa Litigation – Labor and Employment “Lawyer of the Year”  
James C.T. Hardwick – Best Lawyers’ 2025 Tulsa Natural Resources Law and Oil and Gas Law “Lawyer of the Year”

Michael T. Keester – Best Lawyers’ 2025 Tulsa Litigation – Construction “Lawyer of the Year”

Randy K. McCarthy – Best Lawyers’ 2025 Oklahoma City Trademark Law “Lawyer of the Year”

James C. Milton – Best Lawyers’ 2025 Tulsa Litigation – Trusts and Estates “Lawyer of the Year”

Stephen W. Ray – Best Lawyers’ 2025 Tulsa Corporate Compliance Law and Corporate Governance Law “Lawyer of the Year”

Steven W. Soulé, Best Lawyers’ 2025 Tulsa Litigation – Bankruptcy “Lawyer of the Year”

#### **Best Lawyers 2025 Northwest Arkansas Office**

Robert K. Rhoads, Litigation-Municipal

#### **Best Lawyers 2025 Denver Office**

Jeffrey C. Friedman, Real Estate Law

#### **Tulsa Office Best Lawyers in America 2025**

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  
 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  
 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  
 Thomas P. Schroedter, Administrative/Regulatory Law, Energy Law, Energy Regulatory Law, Oil & Gas Law  
 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 2025**

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

Daniel V. Carsey, Commercial Litigation, Oil & Gas Law

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

Moir C.G. Watson, Banking and Finance Law and Corporate Law

#### **Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch Denver Office**

J. Kirk McGill, Commercial Litigation

#### **Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch Tulsa Office**

Dawson A. Brotemarkle, Oil and Gas Law, Energy Law

Isaac B. Helmerich, Corporate Law

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

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- 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