

## 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 eight 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  
James D. Sotrom, Energy Law, Oil & Gas Law  
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

Moirra 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

Lauren M. Marciano, Insurance Law, Product Liability Litigation-Defendants, 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

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- 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