

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

Moiria 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