

News & Insights

Hall Estill Attorneys Recognized as 2027 Best Lawyers in America®, Lawyers of the Year and Ones to Watch

August 20, 2026

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 2027 Best Lawyers® Lawyers of the Year, nearly 70 Hall Estill attorneys were selected for inclusion as The Best Lawyers® in America 2026, and 17 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 2027 Lawyers of the Year from Hall Estill:

Larry G. Ball - Best Lawyers' 2027 Oklahoma City Litigation – Bankruptcy Law “Lawyer of the Year”

Steven A. Broussard - Best Lawyers' 2027 Tulsa Litigation - Labor & Employment Law "Lawyer of the Year"

Brian T. Inbody - Best Lawyers' 2027 Tulsa Oil & Gas Law "Lawyer of the Year"

Randy K. McCarthy – Best Lawyers' 2027 Oklahoma City Patent Law “Lawyer of the Year”

James C. Milton - Best Lawyers' 2027 Tulsa Litigation - Trusts & Estates Law "Lawyer of the Year"

Scott V. Morgan - Best Lawyers' 2027 Tulsa Construction Law "Lawyer of the Year"

Steven W. Soulé - Best Lawyers' 2027 Tulsa Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law and Litigation - Bankruptcy Law "Lawyer of the Year"

Best Lawyers 2027 Northwest Arkansas Office

J. Douglas Gramling, Commercial Litigation

Brian C. Hogue, Family Law

Robert K. Rhoads, Litigation-Municipal

Best Lawyers 2027 Denver Office

Jeffrey C. Friedman, Real Estate Law

Best Lawyers 2027 Tulsa Office

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

David G. Graves, Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants

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), Corporate Law, 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

Isaac B. Helmerich, Corporate Law, Insurance Law, Trusts & Estates

Brian T. Inbody, Commercial Litigation, Oil & Gas Law

Jerrick L. Irby, Commercial Litigation, Insurance 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

Scott V. Morgan, Construction Law, Oil & Gas Law

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 - Employment Law - Management, 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

Best Lawyers 2027 Oklahoma City Office

Larry G. Ball, Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation-Bankruptcy
Daniel V. Carsey, Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Banking & Finance. Oil & Gas Law
Daniel G. Couch, Commercial Litigation
Seth A. Day - Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Healthcare, Litigation - Insurance
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 & Finance Law
Daniel J. Glover, Banking & 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. Nelson, 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 & Finance Law and Corporate Law
Christina M. Wolfram, Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch 2027 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 2027 Tulsa Office

Blake H. Gerow, Energy Law
Christopher J. Gnaedig, Commercial Litigation
Logan L. James, Family Law, Litigation-Trusts & Estates
Brian M. Keester, Insurance Law, Litigation - Construction, Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
Sarah E. Sadler, Litigation - Trusts & Estates, Trusts & Estates
M. Travis Williams, Commercial Litigation, Oil & Gas Law

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch 2027 Oklahoma City Office

Alexandra A. Crawley, Litigation - Securities

Taz Ellett, Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Real Estate

Jared R. Ford, Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Law, Real Estate Law

Morgan M. Lawson, Commercial Litigation

Bryan R. Lynch, Commercial Litigation, Corporate Law, Litigation-Labor and Employment, Litigation-Banking & Finance, Oil & Gas Law

Braden W. Mason, Commercial Litigation

Quinn Carpenter Weedon, Commercial Litigation

Margaret R. White, Family Law