

## News & Insights

### Hall Estill Attorneys Recognized as Best Lawyers in America and Lawyers of the Year 2015

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**TULSA, Okla. (August 18, 2014)** – Hall Estill, Oklahoma’s leading law firm, announced 10 of its attorneys were selected as 2015 *Lawyers of the Year* and 33 of its attorneys were selected for inclusion as *The Best Lawyers® in America 2015*.

“We are again honored to have so many of our attorneys recognized on such an esteemed list,” said Michael D. Cooke, Hall Estill managing partner. “Our attorneys’ inclusion on this list is a true testament to the breadth of expertise on our team and our firm’s unwavering commitment to providing the best service to our clients.”

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, and because lawyers are not required or allowed to pay a fee to be listed, inclusion in *Best Lawyers* is considered a singular honor. *Corporate Counsel* magazine has called *Best Lawyers* “the most respected referral list of attorneys in practice.”

#### **Best Lawyers’ 2015 Lawyers of the Year from Hall Estill are:**

**Larry G. Ball**, Best Lawyers 2015 Oklahoma City Litigation - Bankruptcy "Lawyer of the Year"  
**Betsy G. Jackson**, Best Lawyers 2015 Tulsa Corporate Governance "Lawyer of the Year"  
**Michael T. Keester**, Best Lawyers 2015 Tulsa Litigation - Construction "Lawyer of the Year"  
**Robert D. Nelon**, Best Lawyers 2015 Oklahoma City Litigation – First Amendment "Lawyer of the Year"  
**P. David Newsome, Jr.**, Best Lawyers 2015 Tulsa Securities Regulation "Lawyer of the Year"  
**Stephen W. Ray**, Best Lawyers 2015 Tulsa Corporate Compliance Law "Lawyer of the Year"  
**Thomas P. Schroedter**, Best Lawyers 2015 Energy Law "Lawyer of the Year"

#### Tulsa Office

**Pamela S. Anderson**, Oil & Gas 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

**Michael D. Cooke**, Banking & Finance Law, Communications Law, Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions Law

**Thomas A. Creekmore III**, Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation-Bankruptcy

**Robert F. Dougherty**, Corporate Law, Real Estate Law

**Heather Flynn Earnhart**, Family Law

**Pamela H. Goldberg**, 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**, Technology Law

**James C.T. Hardwick**, Commercial Litigation, Natural Resources, Oil & Gas Law

**J. Kevin Hayes**, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Energy Law

**Kenneth L. Hunt**, Tax Law, Litigation & Controversy-Tax

**Betsy G. Jackson**, Banking & Finance Law, Corporate Law, Corporate Governance Law

**Michael T. Keester**, Commercial Litigation, Litigation-Construction, Litigation-Municipal

**James C. Milton**, Commercial Litigation, Litigation-Municipal, Litigation-Trusts & Estates, Water Law

**P. David Newsome**, Corporate Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law, Securities Regulation, Litigation-Securities

**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

**Thomas P. Schroedter**, Energy Law, Oil & Gas Law

**Steven W. Soulé**, Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation-Bankruptcy

**D. K. “Ken” Williams, Jr.**, Litigation-Environmental

**Andrew M. Wolov**, Tax Law, Trusts & Estates

#### Oklahoma City Office

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

**Jon A. Epstein**, Litigation-First Amendment

**Daniel J. Glover**, Banking & Finance Law, Litigation-Banking & Finance, Real Estate Law

**Randall K. McCarthy**, Copyright Law, Litigation-Intellectual Property, Patent Law, Litigation – Patent, Trademark Law

**Robert D. Nelon**, First Amendment Law, Litigation-First Amendment

**Michael E. Smith**, Litigation-Environmental, Patent Law

**Elaine R. Turner**, Employment Law-Management, Litigation-Labor & Employment