

## News & Insights

### Hall Estill Welcomes Four New Associates

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Hall Estill, Oklahoma's leading law firm, is pleased to announce the addition of four new associates, reinforcing the firm's commitment to excellence and growth. With offices in Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Denver, and Northwest Arkansas, Hall Estill continues its legacy of legal expertise and client-focused service.

"Our firm is pleased to welcome our newest associates to the Tulsa and Oklahoma City offices, who each brings unique skills and dedication to their respective practice areas," said Steve Ray, Managing Partner at Hall Estill. "We are confident that their contributions will benefit our clients and that they will be great colleagues."

#### New Associates:

**Claire Lenz-Dean** is an associate in the firm's litigation practice in the Tulsa office. She joined the firm after a one-year clerkship with the Honorable Gregory K. Frizzell in the Northern District of Oklahoma. While in law school, Claire served as the Notes & Comments editor for the Tulsa Law Review. In 2023 Lenz-Dean graduated from the University of Tulsa College of Law, *with honors*.

**Hillary Hurst** is an associate in the firm's litigation practice in the Tulsa office. While an undergraduate, she was a member of the women's basketball team at Oral Roberts University before transferring to Northwestern Oklahoma State University. While in law school, Hurst served as Editor-in-Chief of the Tulsa Law Review. In 2024 Hurst graduated from the University of Tulsa College of Law, *with highest honors*.

**Alexandra "Lexie" Speed** is an associate in the firm's litigation practice in the Oklahoma City office. During law school, she was an associate editor of the UCLA Law Review and Editor-in-Chief of the Indigenous Peoples' Journal of Law, Culture, and Resistance. In 2024 Speed graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law.

**Zach Yates** is an associate with Hall Estill's business and transactions group in the Tulsa office. Within his practice, he assists clients in the areas of real estate, commercial lending, entity formation, estate planning and business transactions. In addition, Zach is a 2022 graduate of the University of Oklahoma College of Law and a Certified Public Accountant.

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*About Hall Estill:*

Founded in 1966 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Hall Estill is a full-service law firm with clients ranging from Fortune 500 corporations to traditional family businesses, as well as nonprofit organizations, entrepreneurial starts-ups and individuals. More than 150 legal professionals work in the firm at offices in Tulsa,

## Attorneys

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- Claire E. Lenz-Dean
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- Alexandra G. Speed
- Zach H. Yates