



## Moira C.G. Watson, PhD

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Moira joined Hall Estill in 2016 and practices primarily in the Banking and Commercial Finance area. She regularly represents and advises institutions (including agricultural lenders) in a variety of financing transactions, including working capital credit facilities, asset-based financings and acquisition finances. She has experience as lead counsel in large syndicated loan transactions as well.

In addition to her full time practice, Moira has taught Secured Transactions and Corporate Finance at the University of Oklahoma College of Law and is a frequently invited speaker at the University of Oklahoma Price College of Business. She has also just published a chapter in *Oklahoma Business and Commercial Law* (2023), entitled, "The UCC in Oklahoma and Statutory Divergences" and is a member of the Oklahoma Legislative Review Committee charged with reviewing and advising on amendments to the Oklahoma Uniform Commercial Code.

### Practices

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- Banking & Financial Services
- Bankruptcy, Restructuring & Creditor's Rights
- Corporate & Business Services
- Food & Agribusiness
- Mergers, Acquisitions & Divestitures
- Real Estate

### Education

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- Rice University (B.A., 2002)

- University of Pennsylvania Law School (J.D., 2005)
- University of Oxford (PhD/DPhil in Law, 2015)

## Admissions

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- Texas (2005)
- Oklahoma (2016)

## Experience

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- 2016 - Present Hall Estill
- 2010 - 2015 A boutique energy firm (Oxford, UK)
- 2005 - 2010 Norton Rose Fulbright LLP (formerly Fulbright & Jaworski, Houston, Texas)

## Honors & Awards

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- Recognized as an Achiever Under 40 by the Journal Record in 2018

## Community & Professional Involvement

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- Oklahoma Bar Association, Financial Institutions and Commercial Law Section, Vice Chair
- Oklahoma Uniform Commercial Code, Legislative Review Committee, Member
- Oklahoma Humanities Board of Trustees, Member
- Downtown Oklahoma City Rotary Club 29, Member
- Oxford Society of the Great Plains, Co-Founder and President
- Rice Association of Volunteer Alumni, Member

## Articles & Presentations

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Recent Examples Include:

- Watson, Moira C.G., *The UCC in Oklahoma and Statutory Divergences*, in Oklahoma Business and Commercial Law (Irving L. Faught ed., 2023)
- University of Oklahoma College of Law, Professor in Practice 2015 –Present, Secured Transactions and Corporate Law
- University of Oklahoma Price Business College of Business, Frequent Guest Lecturer in Business Law course offered by Dr. Colleen Baker
- University of Oklahoma College of Law, Invited Guest Lecturer in Oil & Gas Contracts course offered by Professor Monika Erhman
- Guest Speaker, Oklahoma City Real Property Lawyers Association
- Guest Speaker, Oklahoma Bar Association, Financial Institutions and Commercial Law
- Guest Speaker, Hall Estill Lunch and Learn Presentations