



Hall Estill Brings Oil and Gas, Corporate, Intellectual Property and Environmental Law

Experience to Denver Office

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Hall Estill, Oklahoma's leading law firm with offices in Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Nashville and northwest Arkansas, today announced the opening of its fifth office in Denver. The new Denver office will initially be composed of long-time energy industry attorneys James "Jim" J. Bender and A.M. "Kip" Hunter III.



"Denver is a great, vibrant city, and its local economy reflects that with the strong presence of oil and gas, technology and environmental industries," said Hall Estill Managing Partner Michael D. Cooke. "The addition of two well-known and highly respected attorneys in Mr. Bender and Mr. Hunter will allow us to better serve our existing clients, as well as grow Hall Estill's presence in the Rocky Mountain region. Our partners are terrifically excited about this new office and very gratified to have Jim and Kip join us."

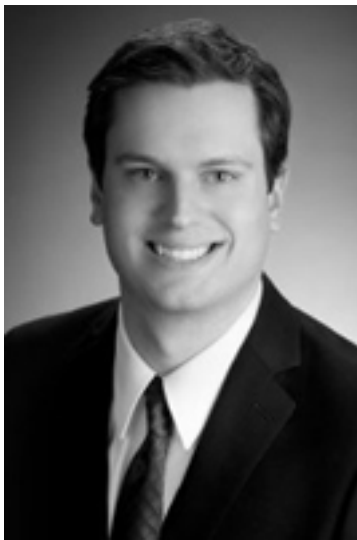
Hall Estill represents clients ranging from Fortune 500 corporations to nonprofit organizations and emerging businesses in 14 different practice areas. The immediate focuses of the Denver practice includes oil and gas, corporate, intellectual property and environmental law.

Hall Estill is a law firm that I know well and have worked with extensively as an in-house general counsel," said Bender. "It's a unique opportunity for me, but also for companies that are growing with the Colorado economy and navigating the peaks and valleys of the oil and gas industry, in particular."

Hunter most recently served as Principal of A.M. Hunter III and Associates along with attorney Matthew J. Schreiner, who will also be joining the Hall Estill Denver practice. Hunter has extensive commercial contract, corporate development, oil and gas and intellectual property experience including serving as Executive Director and General Counsel of Sundance Energy Australia Limited.



Bender has substantial experience within the energy industry having served as Senior Vice President and General Counsel for The Williams Companies, WPX Energy and NRG Energy and as interim CEO and director of WPX and as Chairman of the Board of APCO Oil and Gas International. He currently serves as an independent director of two publicly traded companies—Shell Midstream Partners and Two Harbors Investment Corp., and as a senior advisory board member for Orion Energy Partners, a New York-based private equity firm focused on the energy industry.



Hall Estill is particularly proud to bring a physical presence to Denver in the same year that it celebrates the firm's 50th year anniversary.

About Hall Estill:

Founded in 1966 in Tulsa, Okla., Hall Estill is a full-service law firm with clients ranging from Fortune 500 corporations and medium-sized companies to nonprofit organizations, emerging businesses and individuals. More than 150 legal professionals work in the firm at offices in Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Nashville and northwest Arkansas, assisting a diversified base of local, regional, national and international clients.