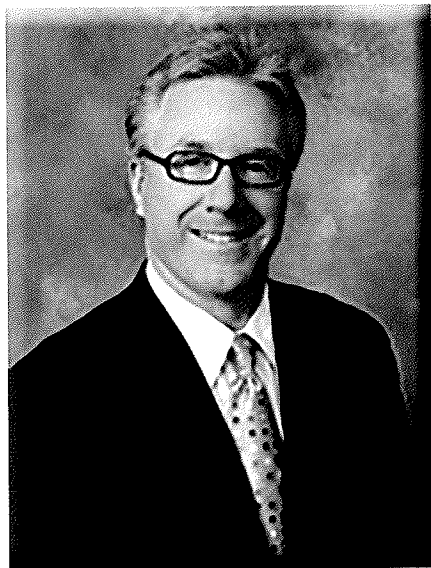


STEPHEN HALE

2015-2016 GOLDEN RULE 3RD QUARTER



Professional, prepared, knowledgeable, capable, practical, and persuasive, all apt descriptors of this quarter's Golden Rule Award recipient. Stephen Hale epitomizes these qualities and more. His

disposition is inevitably pleasant and courteous. He exudes a solid capability, seemingly without arrogance or angst. These attributes are noteworthy in and of themselves, and especially so in the context of his chosen and stressful legal practice area.

Mr. Hale has practiced law for twenty years, the last fifteen of which have been exclusively in Family Law. Since 2013, he is a shareholder with the Hall Estill law firm having practiced with the Riggs Abney firm from 1999-2013.

Mr. Hale assists his clients with many areas, including divorce and protective orders. However, his practice primarily focuses on parenting coordination and guardian ad litem work. Mr. Hale is also a certified Family/Domestic mediator.

Kimberly Hays, family law practitioner, says this of Hale:

I have worked with Mr. Hale in his capacity as Guardian Ad Litem, Parenting Coordinator, mediator and opposing counsel. In all roles, he is dedicated, professional, courteous, and knowledgeable. Mr. Hale's calm demeanor makes him an effective Parenting Coordinator. He is a skilled advocate who represents his clients' interests in a professional manner. As a mediator, he offers the parties creative solutions while making each one feel he or she had the opportunity to "tell his or her story." I often suggest the use of Mr. Hale in the role of Guardian Ad Litem because of his dedication to the best interest of the child/children in the case.

Stephen Hale's outstanding service protecting the interests of children enmeshed in divorce actions was recognized when he was named the OBA Family Law Section's 2012 Guardian Ad Litem of the Year.

Mr. Hale works and plays hard with ability and talent on another kind of court as well, the tennis court. Watching him in tennis drills or in matches shows him to be a tough and challenging competitor and a superlative athlete. According to Russell Warner, his pro and teammate: "I have been in many matches on the tennis court and the person I had the most fun with is Stephen

GOLDEN RULE:

- 1: capitalized G&R : a rule of ethical conduct : do to others as you would have them do to you
- 2: a guiding principle

Hale. Stephen is a great player. He is fun energetic, fair and respectful. He is one of the best doubles partners I have had."

Mr. Hale is consistently fair and respectful on all courts in which he participates.

Shane Henry, another family law practitioner, advises that: "Stephen Hale is a leader in the legal community. His advocacy for his clients, professionalism in dealing with opposing counsel and dedication to the practice of law provide an example for all to follow. He is truly deserving of the TCBA Golden Rule Award."

Judge Stephen Clark has observed Mr. Hale in the courtroom and states: "Mr. Hale has practiced before me in various capacities. He always conducts

himself as a gentleman and a professional. He treats everyone with respect and is respected in return."

Mr. Hale graduated from Oklahoma State University with his B.S in Biology and acquired his M.S. in Taxation from the University of Tulsa. He graduated from the University of Tulsa College of Law with is J.D. in 1993. He was admitted to the practice of law in Oklahoma in 1993. Mr. Hale is a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association, Family Law Section. He serves as Chair, Grievance Committee, Oklahoma District for the United States Tennis Association.

Congratulations to Stephen Hale,
Golden Rule Award recipient.

Summary of Golden Rule Award Criteria

- 1. Meets ethical and professional obligations, spirit, and intent of Rules of Professional Conduct;**
- 2. Is ethical, honest and true to his/her word;**
- 3. Strives for moral excellence;**
- 4. Exhibits highest standards of fairness and integrity;**
- 5. Sets model example of conduct through words and deeds;**
- 6. Is civil, courteous, respectful to the Court and opponents;**
- 7. Is loyal to his/her client while being professional and honest with the Court and opponents;**
- 8. Is without personal vendetta in representation of clients; and**
- 9. Improves the image of the Bar to the public through his/her conduct.**