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## News & Insights

### Hall Estill Attorneys Recognized as Best Lawyers in America and Lawyers of the Year 2020

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Hall Estill, Oklahoma's leading law firm, with offices in Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Denver and Northwest Arkansas, is pleased to announce 51 of its attorneys were selected by their peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® annual list of the state's top attorneys. Of the attorneys selected, 10 were named *Lawyers of the Year*.

"Our continued recognition as one the region's top law firms truly reflects the hardworking and talented attorneys we have at the firm," said Mike Cooke, managing partner for Hall Estill. "Being acknowledged by your peers for your expertise is a remarkable accomplishment. These recognitions speak to our strength as a firm and the trust and confidence our clients have in us."

Since it was first published in 1983, *Best Lawyers*® has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. *Best Lawyers* lists are compiled based on an exhaustive peer-review evaluation. Almost 87,000 industry leading lawyers are eligible to vote (from around the world), and we have received almost 10 million evaluations on the legal abilities of other lawyers based on their specific practice areas around the world. For the 2019 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 7.8 million votes were analyzed, which resulted in almost 60,000 leading lawyers being included in the new edition. *Corporate Counsel* magazine has called *Best Lawyers* "the most respected referral list of attorneys in practice."

#### Best Lawyers 2020 Lawyers of the Year from Hall Estill are:

Mark K. Blongewicz – Best Lawyers 2020 Tulsa Insurance Law "Lawyer of the Year"  
Steven A. Broussard – Best Lawyers 2020 Tulsa Employment Law – Management "Lawyer of the Year"  
Jon A. Epstein – Best Lawyers 2020 Oklahoma City Litigation – First Amendment Law "Lawyer of the Year"  
Pamela H. Goldberg – Best Lawyers 2020 Tulsa Corporate Governance Law "Lawyer of the Year"  
Michael D. Graves – Best Lawyers 2020 Tulsa Litigation – Environmental "Lawyer of the Year"  
J. Kevin Hayes – Best Lawyers 2020 Tulsa Bet-the-Company Litigation "Lawyer of the Year"  
Randall K. McCarthy – Best Lawyers 2020 Oklahoma City Trade Secrets Law "Lawyer of the Year"  
Stephen W. Ray – Best Lawyers 2020 Tulsa Securities Regulation Law "Lawyer of the Year"  
James D. Satrom – Best Lawyers 2020 Tulsa Energy Law "Lawyer of the Year"  
Michael H. Smith – Best Lawyers 2020 Oklahoma City Patent Law "Lawyer of the Year"

#### Tulsa Office Best Lawyers in America 2020

Gregory W. Alberty, Real Estate Law  
Pamela S. Anderson, Oil & Gas Law  
Vaden F. Bales, Real Estate 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  
W. Deke Canada, Commercial Finance Law, Corporate Law  
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  
Samantha Weyrauch Davis, Trusts & Estates  
Robert F. Dougherty, Corporate Law, Real Estate Law  
Heather Flynn Earnhart, Family Law  
Pamela H. Goldberg, Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 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, Business Organizations (including LLC's and Partnerships), Corporate Law, Technology Law  
James C.T. Hardwick, Commercial Litigation, Natural Resources Law, Oil & Gas Law  
J. Kevin Hayes, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Energy Law  
Kenneth L. Hunt, Tax Law, Litigation & Controversy-Tax  
Brian T. Inbody, Commercial Litigation and Oil and Gas Law  
Betsy G. Jackson, Banking & Finance Law, Corporate Law, Corporate Governance Law  
Michael T. Keester, Commercial Litigation, Litigation-Construction, Litigation-Municipal  
Daniel R. Ketchum II, Trusts and Estates  
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  
William W. O'Connor, Commercial Litigation  
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  
James D. Satrom, Energy Law, Oil & Gas Law  
Thomas P. Schroedter, Administrative/Regulatory Law, Energy Law, Oil & Gas Law  
Steven W. Soulé, Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation-Bankruptcy  
Richard A. Wagner II, Family Law  
Keith A. Wilkes, Employment Law-Management  
D. Kenyon "Ken" Williams, Jr., Litigation-Environmental  
Andrew M. Wolov, Tax Law, Trusts & Estates

#### **Oklahoma City Office Best Lawyers in America 2020**

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

Jon A. Epstein, Litigation-First Amendment

Michael R. Ford, Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law,  
Securities/Capital Markets Law

John W. Gile, Family Law

Matthew R. Gile, Family Law

Kent A. Gilliland, Banking and Finance Law

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

J. Frederick Kempf, Jr., Real Estate Law

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

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

Raymond S. Rudnicki, Energy Law

Ralph E. Seals, Jr., Oil & Gas Law

Michael E. Smith, Litigation-Environmental

Michael H. Smith, Patent Law, Trade Secrets Law, Trademark Law

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