



News & Insights

Hall Estill Lawyers Named as 2021 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch and Lawyers of the Year

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Hall Estill, a leading regional Southwestern law firm with offices in Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Denver and Northwest Arkansas, announced 50 lawyers have been named as 2021 “Best Lawyers in America,” “Ones to Watch” and “Lawyers of the Year.”

A total of 50 lawyers have been named to the “Best Lawyers in America” list, 10 of whom were also named “Lawyers of the Year,” while three have been named to the “Ones to Watch” list.

“This national recognition is a huge honor for our attorneys and firm,” said Mike Cooke, managing partner for Hall Estill. “Being recognized by your peers is a great accomplishment and a testament to the dedication our attorneys have to our clients and profession.”

This year marks the first ever Best Lawyers’ “Ones to Watch” list, which recognizes young attorneys who have typically been in practice for 5-9 years for their outstanding professional excellence.

Best Lawyers® is the most regarded source for judging top legal talent worldwide. The lawyers on the list are chosen through a rigorous peer review process in which clients and lawyers evaluate leading attorneys in each field and additional information is provided by law firms on the formal submissions.

Best Lawyers 2021 Lawyers of the Year from Hall Estill are:

Pamela S. Anderson – Best Lawyers 2021 Tulsa Oil and Gas Law “Lawyer of the Year”

Larry G. Ball – Best Lawyers 2021 Oklahoma City Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law “Lawyer of the Year”

Steven A. Broussard – Best Lawyers 2021 Tulsa Labor Law-Management “Lawyer of the Year”

Michael D. Graves – Best Lawyers 2021 Tulsa Environmental Law “Lawyer of the Year”

Sarah E. Hansel - Best Lawyers 2021 Tulsa Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships) “Lawyer of the Year”

James C. Milton – Best Lawyers’ 2021 Tulsa Litigation-Trusts and Estates “Lawyer of the Year”

Robert D. Nelon – Best Lawyers’ 2021 Oklahoma City Litigation-First Amendment “Lawyer of the Year”

P. David Newsome, Jr. – Best Lawyers’ 2021 Tulsa Litigation-Securities “Lawyer of the Year”

Randall K. McCarthy – Best Lawyers’ 2021 Oklahoma City Copyrights Law and Trademark Law “Lawyer of the Year”

Stephen W. Ray – Best Lawyers 2021 Tulsa Corporate Governance Law “Lawyer of the Year”

Tulsa Office Best Lawyers in America 2021

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

Kristen Pence Evans, Commercial Litigation

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

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

Daniel V. Carsey, Commercial Litigation

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

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch Tulsa Office

Isaac B. Helmerich, Corporate Law

Margo E. Shipley, Commercial Litigation

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch Oklahoma City Office

Jacqueline M. McCormick, Commercial Litigation