

## News & Insights

### 7 Hall Estill Attorneys Named Lawyer of the Year

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Best Lawyers, the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession has named 7 Hall Estill attorneys as Lawyer of the Year in their specialty areas:

*Best Lawyers' 2015 Lawyers of the Year from Hall Estill are:*

**Larry G. Ball**, Best Lawyers 2015 Oklahoma City Litigation - Bankruptcy "Lawyer of the Year"

**Betsy G. Jackson**, Best Lawyers 2015 Tulsa Corporate Governance "Lawyer of the Year"

**Michael T. Keester**, Best Lawyers 2015 Tulsa Litigation - Construction "Lawyer of the Year"

**Robert D. Nelson**, Best Lawyers 2015 Oklahoma City Litigation - First Amendment "Lawyer of the Year"

**P. David Newsome, Jr.** Best Lawyers 2015 Tulsa Securities Regulation "Lawyer of the Year"

**Stephen W. Ray**, Best Lawyers 2015 Tulsa Corporate Compliance Law "Lawyer of the Year"

**Thomas P. Schroedter**, Best Lawyers 2015 Energy Law "Lawyer of the Year"

Honorees from past years include:

**Steven A. Broussard**, Best Lawyers' 2014 Tulsa Litigation - Labor & Employment "Lawyer of the Year"

**Michael D. Cooke**, Best Lawyers' 2014 Tulsa Mergers & Acquisitions Law "Lawyer of the Year"

**Michael D. Graves**, Best Lawyers' 2014 Tulsa Environmental Law "Lawyer of the Year"

**James C.T. Hardwick**, 2012 Best Lawyers Tulsa Oil & Gas Law and 2011 Tulsa Best Lawyers Tax Lawyer of the Year; Best Lawyers' 2014 Tulsa Natural Resources Law "Lawyer of the Year"

**J. Kevin Hayes**, 2011 Best Lawyers Tulsa Energy Law

**Kenneth L. Hunt**, Best Lawyers 2013 Tulsa Litigation & Controversy - Tax Lawyer of the Year & 2011 Tulsa Best Lawyers Tax Lawyer of the Year; Best Lawyers' 2014 Tulsa Tax Law "Lawyer of the Year"

**Michael T. Keester**, 2012 Best Lawyers Tulsa Litigation - Construction

**Randall K. McCarthy**, Best Lawyers 2013 Oklahoma City Copyright Law Lawyer of the Year; Best Lawyers' 2014 Oklahoma City Patent Law "Lawyer of the Year"

**Robert D. Nelson**, Best Lawyers 2013 Oklahoma City Litigation - First Amendment Lawyer of the Year

**Stephen W. Ray**, Best Lawyers 2013 Tulsa Corporate Governance Law Lawyer of the Year and 2011 Tulsa Lawyer of the Year for Securities/Capital Markets; Best Lawyers' 2014 Tulsa Corporate Law "Lawyer of the Year"

**Michael E. Smith**, Best Lawyers' 2014 Oklahoma City Litigation - Environmental "Lawyer of the Year"

**Steven W. Soulé**, Best Lawyers' 2014 Tulsa Litigation - Bankruptcy "Lawyer of the Year"

**Andrew M. Wolov**, 2012 Best Lawyers Tulsa Trust and Estates

After more than a quarter of a century in publication, Best Lawyers is designating "Lawyers of the Year" in high-profile legal specialties in large legal communities. Only a single lawyer in each specialty in each community is being honored as the "Lawyer of the Year."

Best Lawyers compiles its lists of outstanding attorneys by conducting exhaustive peer-review surveys in which thousands of leading lawyers confidentially evaluate their professional peers. The lawyers being honored as "Lawyers of the Year" have received particularly high ratings in our surveys by earning a high level of respect among their peers for their abilities, professionalism, and integrity.