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Kevin Hayes is a shareholder and senior litigator with the firm, specializing in energy and general commercial litigation. In addition, he serves as an Adjunct Settlement Judge and arbitrator. He is a past President of the firm and also served on the firm's Executive Committee. He continues to serve on the firm's Board of Directors.

Kevin is a graduate of the University of Tulsa College of Law and has been with Hall Estill since 1975. He has an individual AV rating through Martindale-Hubbell and was selected a Best Lawyers in America in Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation and Energy Law. He was recognized as an Oklahoma Super Lawyer in Energy & Natural Resources and named as a local litigation star by Benchmark Litigation. In addition, he has been ranked by Chambers USA as a "Band 2" attorney in Energy & Natural Resources Law, and named by Best Lawyers as Tulsa's Energy Lawyer of the Year for 2011; 2016 Best Lawyers Lawyer of the Year Energy Law - Tulsa; and 2020 Best Lawyers Lawyer of the Year Bet-the-Company Litigation Tulsa.

Kevin's practice has historically focused on the representation of energy-related companies in property, construction and contractual right matters. In addition, he has represented clients in matters before the Federal Energy Administration in connection with wage and price control matters, has represented numerous gas pipeline companies in contractual dispute litigation, and has represented telecommunications companies in litigation concerning claims of landowners owning land adjacent to rights of way upon which fiber optic cable has been laid. Today, Kevin is involved as lead counsel in several major class actions involving oil and gas royalty owner claims.