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Mark Banner has been with Hall Estill for more than 30 years and is a member of the firm's Board of Directors. He represents clients in a wide range of disputes and litigation matters, with a focus on oil and gas law. Mark represents oil and gas producers, mid-stream companies and interstate pipelines in litigation involving all facets of the oil and gas industry, including lease and contract disputes, tort claims and land use issues. In 2019, Mark won a judgment for his client in an oilfield pollution case tried in Northern Wyoming: *Windsor Jepson, LLC v. Whiting Petroleum Corporation*, No. CV 2014-0079, Fourth Judicial District, Wyoming.

Mark also represents clients in class action litigation. He has successfully defeated class action certification in a variety of cases in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Kansas, including:

- *Riedel v. XTO Energy Inc.*, 257 F.R.D. 494 (E.D. Ark. 2009)
- *Foster v. Apache Corporation*, 285 F.R.D. 632 (W.D. Okla. 2012)
- *Ginardi v. Frontier Gas Services, LLC*, 2012 WL 1377052 (E.D. Ark.)
- *Roderick v. XTO Energy Inc.*, 2013 WL 3389469 (C.A. 10 (Kan.))
- *Chieftain v. XTO Energy Inc.*, 2013 WL 3388629 (C.A. 10 (Okla.))
- *Roderick v. XTO Energy, Inc.*, 2016 WL 10520112 (D. Kan.)
- *Whisenant v. Strat Land Exploration Co.*, 2018 OK CIV APP 65

Mark also represents pipeline companies in easement acquisition and eminent domain proceedings. He has been lead counsel in several Oklahoma and multi-state pipeline projects, including serving as Oklahoma counsel for the TransCanada Keystone and Cushing Connect pipeline projects.

Mark has an individual AV rating through Martindale-Hubbell, has been selected a Best Lawyer in America in Commercial Litigation and Energy Law, and has been selected an Oklahoma Super Lawyer in the area of Class Actions/Mass Torts. Further, he was named the Best Lawyers 2022 Tulsa Energy Law Lawyer of the Year. In addition, he has been named an Up and Coming attorney in Energy & Natural Resource law by Chambers USA, as well as a Local Litigation Star by Benchmark

Litigation.

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., *cum laude*, 1988)
- University of Oklahoma (B.A. in Psychology, 1983)

Admissions

- Oklahoma, 1988
- Oklahoma Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern, Northern and Western Districts of Oklahoma
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas
- United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

Practices

- Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
- Class Action Defense
- Energy & Natural Resources Services
- Water Law & Land Rights
- Litigation
- Oil & Gas
- Pipeline Construction & Operation

Legal Experience

- 1988 - Present Hall Estill
- 1987 - 1988 Department of Justice (law clerk)
- 1986 - 1987 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (law clerk)

Specialty Areas

- Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) Defense

Community Involvement

- Member, Board of Directors, American Red Cross
- Leadership Tulsa, Class XXIV
- Philbrook Museum of Art
- Past Board Member, Ronald McDonald House

Professional Involvement

- Oklahoma Bar Association
- Tulsa County Bar Association, Mineral Law Section (past President)
- American Inns of Court, Johnson Songtag/Council Oak Chapter (past President)
- Adjunct Settlement Judge, Northern District of Oklahoma (1998-present)

Honors & Awards



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Awards & Recognition

- Hall Estill Recognized by Benchmark Litigation as Highly Recommended Law Firm
- Hall Estill Recognized by Benchmark Litigation as "Highly Recommended Law Firm"