

General Corporate

Our General Corporate practice area encompasses a full range of legal needs for a business of any size, including business start-up and formation issues, financing agreements, contract drafting and negotiation, vendor agreements, risk management and allocation, acquisition of businesses and assets, liquidations, governance and regulatory compliance issues, preparation of government filings, and board of directors' fiduciary and legal responsibilities.

We integrate the following areas, enabling corporate and commercial clients to identify the legal consequences of their business planning, manage corporate interests, and respond swiftly to opportunities and threats.

Business Transactions

We negotiate and document the purchase and sale of business assets and operating entities around the globe, including corporations, S-corporations, general and limited partnerships, limited liability companies, trusts and joint ventures. Our lawyers can assist Oklahoma, regional and national clients in all aspects of these matters, including:

- Reviewing, drafting and negotiating business contracts
- Non-compete agreements
- Buy and sell agreements
- Trade Secrets
- Confidentiality agreements
- Lease review
- Distribution agreements

Corporate

Hall Estill Corporate services meet the full range of legal needs of large corporations, small and midsize companies, including, but not limited to:

- Mergers, acquisitions and dispositions
- Business start-up and formation issues, such as entity selection
- Tax planning
- Vendor agreements
- Acquisition of businesses and assets

- Liquidations, recapitalizations and spin-offs
- Antitrust counsel
- Board of directors' fiduciary and legal responsibilities
- Preparation of governmental filings

Commercial

Our extensive Commercial Law experience includes, among other areas, business finance, project development and leasing:

Business Finance

- Syndicated loans and market financing
- Venture capital financing
- Structured finance
- Letters of credit financing
- Accounts receivable financing
- Railroad financing
- Tax-sensitive financing, such as publicly and privately financed industrial development bonds
- Tax-exempt pollution control facility financing
- Leveraged buyouts
- Project financing for district heating and cooling facilities
- Asset securitizations

Business Transactions ***Project Development***

- Joint venture projects
- Acquisitions and dispositions of businesses and assets
- Major land development
- Construction contracts

Leasing

- Equipment and tax leases
- Leveraged lease financing for aircraft, ocean-going barges and other major capital projects

Governance

We are experienced in the many facets of Corporate Governance, including how various business entities are directed, administered and controlled, as well as the nuances of such entities and their relationship with their stakeholders. Our Governance attorneys, some of whom serve as corporate secretaries for a variety of companies, assist clients with a broad range of services within this field, including:

- The Sarbanes-Oxley Act
- Option Granting Practices
- Compliance Matters
- Compensation Issues

- Exchange Rules
- Conflicts of Interest
- Codes of Conduct & Ethics

In the News

- Hall Estill Welcomes Attorney Fred Kempf to Oklahoma City Office
- Hall Estill Denver Welcomes Agricultural Law Attorney Richard Manner