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STUART R. MORRIS
Named One of the
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Stuart R. Morris

MORRIS LAW GROUP is an estate, wealth preservation and business planning boutique law firm that practices exclusively in estate and gift tax planning, wills and trusts, business structuring and succession planning, wealth preservation, probate, planning techniques for highly compensated individuals, and national and international tax planning. Our attorneys are dedicated to helping individuals and families preserve their wealth for future generations by maximizing inheritances and minimizing taxes.

Founding partner Stuart R. Morris is experienced and accomplished in handling a diverse range of estate planning and asset protection needs. In addition to being Board Certified by The Florida Bar in both wills, trusts and estates and elder law, he is a Certified Public Accountant. Mr. Morris employs his combined legal and tax experience to interpret and translate complex legal issues to benefit clients. His unique abilities and proven record of success have made his legal services sought after by highly compensated individuals from across the country.

We have five offices strategically located throughout South Florida to provide convenient service to clients in Palm Beach, Broward and Dade counties.

Credible Counselors

Poring over nominees for WORTH's annual Top 100 Attorneys list is a bit like taking the bar exam. The information seems infinite, the choices difficult. But there is also clear logic to it all.

WORTH's editors start by soliciting our readers for recommendations of outstanding lawyers they have used for their personal needs, from trusts and estates work, to philanthropy advice, to tax concerns. We also reach out to those in a professional position to know legal excellence: financial advisors, family office executives, accountants and consultants. Thus we compile our list of nominees. Each nominated attorney then completes a detailed questionnaire

that discerns both straightforward, factual information (Where is he or she admitted to the bar? How long has the lawyer been practicing?) and more nuanced qualities.

The facts help our first cull. We eliminate those lawyers—distinguished as they may be—who work primarily in corporate, rather than personal, law. We seek attorneys who serve clients with sufficient net worth, who have deep experience in their fields and who have the professional affiliations and publishing history to indicate they could provide extraordinary expertise to a WORTH reader.

Our more probing questions determine the final cut. We ask nominees for their opinions on important legal trends: We want to

know what specific counsel they have given their clients. We also examine their thinking concerning the best and worst qualities for a lawyer in their field. We purge attorneys whose replies are rote, pedestrian or vague; those with the most thoughtful, thorough, intelligent answers move on.

Finally, Worth's editorial staff performs background checks. We once again consider client recommendations, and work with the American Bar Association's regulatory service to probe actions that may have been taken against any of the candidates. Nearly all of our nominees are outstanding. In the end, however, we choose those who truly stand apart. —ED

FIRM, CITY	PHONE	AREA OF FOCUS	CURRENT CLIENTS' MEDIAN NET WORTH	LARGEST NET WORTH
Stuart Morris Morris Law Group, Boca Raton	561.750.3850	Trusts, estates; asset protection; business structure	\$15 million	\$500 million
David Hall Professional Bank, Boca Raton	561.291.1400	Trusts, estates, tax	\$10 million	\$400 million
William Taylor Taylor & Taylor, Boca	561.475.1100	Business succession, trusts, estates	\$20 million	\$1 billion
Steve Stone Cushman, Stone & Stone, Coral Gables	305.446.2800	Trusts, estates	\$20 million	\$1 billion

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