



## CHAMBERS HIGH NET WORTH GUIDE

Cummings & Lockwood is pleased to announce that the firm's Private Clients Group in Connecticut has achieved the top tier ranking by *Chambers High Net Worth Guide* for the 10th consecutive year in private wealth law.

In addition, nine Cummings & Lockwood attorneys also have been recognized by *Chambers High Net Worth Guide* as notable practitioners in private wealth law, including Laura W. Beck (Greenwich), Paul L. Bourdeau (West Hartford), Daniel P. Fitzgerald (Greenwich), Daniel G. Johnson (Stamford), Douglas H. Olin (Greenwich), Kelley Galica Peck (West Hartford), Heather J. Rhoades (West Hartford), George L. Smith (Greenwich), and Howard S. Tuthill III (Stamford). In addition, Michael P. Kaelin (Stamford) and Charles W. Pieterse (Stamford) were identified as a notable practitioners in private wealth disputes.

"We are very proud that Cummings & Lockwood and a number of our attorneys have been recognized by Chambers as leading authorities on trusts and estates law serving the complex needs of high net worth and ultra-high net worth individuals," according to Heather J. Rhoades, Chair of the firm's Private Clients Group. "We endeavor to provide our private clients with cutting-edge industry knowledge and expertise; sophisticated, client-driven strategies; bespoke legal advisory services; partner-level attention; stability and continuity for multi-generational families and their businesses; and an exceptional client experience."

### Firm Accolades:

- "Cummings & Lockwood is my number one referral choice for complex trust and estate matters."
- "I have found Cummings & Lockwood lawyers to be extremely skilled, ethical and practical - a unique and valued combination. The law firm is well positioned to handle complex and sophisticated matters."
- "I like the fact that Cummings & Lockwood [is] a boutique, specializing in estate planning. They have the depth to handle a variety of different issues."

### Notable Practitioners:

- **Laura W. Beck (Greenwich)** -- "Laura is my main contact at Cummings & Lockwood and is the go to person if you need to get something complicated done right." "Laura Beck is excellent at handling complex and sophisticated matters. I can always trust her for a clear and decisive answer."
- **Paul L. Bourdeau (West Hartford)** -- "Paul is an excellent communicator - he breaks down incredibly complex tax aspects into simple terms and never uses jargon." "Paul is a tremendous lawyer. He is incredibly smart and thoughtful."
- **Daniel P. Fitzgerald (Greenwich)** - *Up and Coming*
- **Daniel G. Johnson (Stamford)** -- "Daniel runs the Stamford office and [is] considered one of the top trust and estate attorneys in lower Fairfield County."
- **Michael P. Kaelin (Stamford)** -- "I hold Michael in the highest regard. He is a skilled litigator and a tireless advocate for his clients, yet he is also blessed with a practical appreciation for the risks and benefits of litigation." "Michael is a very capable and sophisticated estate and probate litigation attorney."
- **Douglas H. Olin (Greenwich)**

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- **Kelley Galica Peck (West Hartford)** -- "Kelley is a very strong planning lawyer."
- **Charles W. Pieterse (Stamford)**
- **Heather J. Rhoades (West Hartford)** -- "We cannot speak highly enough of Heather. She's a great [external] member of our team." "Heather is very client centric and is truly an expert in the estate planning marketplace."
- **George L. Smith (Greenwich)**
- **Howard S. Tuthill III (Stamford)**

Chambers rankings are the definitive mark of excellence across the legal industry. The qualities on which rankings are assessed include technical legal ability, professional conduct, client service, commercial astuteness, diligence and commitment. A ranking from Chambers shows that a law firm or attorney has stood out in the most rigorous, independent and in-depth research process of any legal directory on the market, and emerged as one of the best in the field.

## **About Chambers High Net Worth Guide**

The *Chambers High Net Worth Guide* differentiates the best professional advisers for international private wealth by identifying and ranking law firms, lawyers and a range of other professional advisers globally. The firms and individuals ranked in *Chambers High Net Worth Guide* understand the complex needs of high net worth individuals and provide specialist advice. As well as ranking lawyers and law firms, the guide also recommends top accountancy firms, private banks, wealth managers, trust companies and other professional advisers to high net worth and ultra-high net worth individuals globally. Family offices and professional advisers to wealthy individuals use these rankings and analysis to get an objective view of the leading professional advisers on an international scale.

These extensive and market-leading recommendations, rankings and insights are based on the in-depth analysis carried out by a dedicated team of experienced researchers.

## **About Cummings & Lockwood LLC**

Founded in 1909, Cummings & Lockwood provides sophisticated legal counsel to individuals and families, family offices, closely held businesses, other commercial enterprises and charitable entities. Our core services include trusts and estates, corporate and finance, litigation and arbitration, and commercial and residential real estate.

The firm has over 200 attorneys, fiduciary accountants, paralegals and staff, as well as six offices located in Stamford, Greenwich and West Hartford, Connecticut, and in Naples, Bonita Springs and Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. While many of our clients reside in Connecticut, New York and Florida, we have clients in nearly all 50 U.S. states and in over 20 countries around the world.

For more information, visit our website at [www.cl-law.com](http://www.cl-law.com).

## **About the Private Clients Group**

Cummings & Lockwood has one of the largest and most respected trusts and estates practices in the United States. For over 100 years, Cummings & Lockwood has been building meaningful and lasting relationships with our private clients, serving as trusted advisors throughout their lifetimes and providing sophisticated legal counsel at every important stage of their lives.

We offer our clients a broad range of services, including estate planning and administration; estate, income and gift tax planning; wealth protection planning; trust formation and management; philanthropic giving; probate and estate settlement; international estate and tax planning; executor and trustee services; business succession planning; fiduciary and probate litigation; and tax controversy and litigation.