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## GUY WHITESMAN NAMED 2021-2022 GERALD T. HART OUTSTANDING TAX ATTORNEY



Fort Myers, Florida – Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A., is pleased to announce that The Florida Bar Tax Section will honor **Guy E. Whitesman** as the 2021-2022 Gerald T. Hart Outstanding Tax Attorney of the Year. Each year the chair of The Florida Bar Tax Section selects an individual who has made major contributions to the advancement of the practice of tax law and who exemplifies the highest standards of competence and integrity. Chair Harris L. Bonnette, Jr. chose Whitesman because of his “leadership, work, and participation in Tax Section matters leading up to his year as chair of the Tax Section for 2010-2011 where he navigated the Section through legislative and administrative challenges. His service to the Tax Section did not end there. Guy continued to participate in Tax Section activities, providing valuable input and analysis on tax issues important to taxpayers as well as serving as a speaker in continuing legal education programs.”

Whitesman is the past chair of both The Florida Bar’s Tax Law Section and Tax Law Certification Committee. He is also the immediate past chair of Henderson Franklin’s Business and Tax Department. Whitesman has been Board Certified in Tax Law since 1992. Upon hearing of Whitesman’s award, Erin Houck-Toll (who serves as chair of the firm’s Business and Tax Department) expressed her support:

“This is wonderful news, and I wholeheartedly agree with the award going to Guy. When I began my career at Henderson Franklin, Guy was my mentor first and then my law partner. I’ve always looked to him as an example of the kind of lawyer I want to be - exceptionally bright with an advanced ability to apply his technical knowledge of tax and law to real-world situations when serving his clients. No matter how busy he is, he’s willing to help other lawyers whenever they’re in need of his expertise.”

Whitesman concentrates his practice in mergers and acquisitions, business organization operations and planning, taxation, estate planning and healthcare law. He has received much recognition over the years, including being named to Florida Super Lawyers® Magazine every year since 2006, Best Lawyers in America every year since 2013, and Florida Trend Legal Elite. Best Lawyers in America also named Whitesman “2021 Corporate Law Lawyer of the Year in Fort Myers,” “2020 Trusts and Estates Lawyer of the Year in Fort Myers,” “2019 Tax Lawyer of the Year in Fort Myers,” and “2017 Corporate Lawyer of the Year in Fort Myers.”

Whitesman received his undergraduate (B.A.) and law degree (J.D.) from University of Michigan, and his Masters in Taxation (LL.M., Taxation) from the University of Florida.

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