



## CUMMINGS & LOCKWOOD RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE LEADING TRUSTS AND ESTATES PRACTICES IN CONNECTICUT BY CHAMBERS

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Cummings & Lockwood is pleased to announce that it has been recognized by Chambers and Partners in their inaugural global *High Net Worth Guide* -- aimed at the international private wealth market -- as having one of the leading trusts and estates practices in Connecticut, ranking at the top of band 1.

Several Cummings & Lockwood trusts and estates attorneys were also recognized as "notable practitioners," including Howard ("Terry") S. Tuthill III, Co-Chair of the Firm's Private Clients Group and based in Stamford, Paul L. Bourdeau who is based in West Hartford, and Douglas H. Olin who is based in Greenwich.

Chambers and Partners, a U.K.-based publisher of expert legal guides, has dedicated the last 25 years to researching and ranking the world's best lawyers. "We are very excited to have been named one of the top private clients practices in Connecticut," noted Jonathan B. Mills, Firm-wide Chairman and Managing Director of Cummings & Lockwood.

According to Chambers and Partners: Cummings & Lockwood's private clients team advises clients on their estate plans including generational wealth transfer and preservation, tax and probate litigation, philanthropic giving and business succession planning. *"I think they're good at everything,"* a client source enthuses, adding: *"First and foremost the legal expertise is absolutely excellent, we feel confident we are getting first-rate legal advice. The attorneys are well trained but they are continually educating themselves, they're very keen on understanding new trends. The client service is unmatched, we feel that the quality is consistently, exceptionally high across the firm."*

Multiple sources commend the Firm's talented group of estate planning lawyers, with one interviewee saying: *"They're all technically very strong in their fields, they communicate well as a group, just a pleasure to work with."* Another commentator adds: *"It's as good as it gets."*

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**Howard ("Terry") Tuthill** provides his clients with estate planning and settlement advice, planning for the preservation of wealth, fulfilling philanthropic giving goals and business succession planning. A fellow lawyer enthuses: *"He is an incredibly hard worker. If you ask him a question about any new development in the law he will know it,"* adding: *"I have a lot of respect for him as a lawyer."* Another source praises Tuthill for being *"a very good, sophisticated trusts and estates lawyer."*

The *"very knowledgeable"* **Paul Bourdeau** is a *"very skilled practitioner"* who is *"very well known."* He has been at the firm for over 30 years and founded its West Hartford office. He advises clients on estate plans, business succession planning, wealth transfer strategies, charitable giving and estate settlement. Bourdeau also serves as a trustee and executor for clients. A source says: *"He's very good with executives. He's a very positive, can-do kind of person."* *"Aside from being the smartest man I know,"* states fellow lawyer, *"he is a very, very good lawyer, competent on all the tax issues and with very sophisticated planning."*

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**Douglas Olin** advises his clients on estate plans, including wealth preservation strategies, philanthropic giving and business succession planning. He has experience with litigation matters arising from fiduciary, probate and tax issues. Olin is "*an up and comer*" and a "*very good lawyer*," sources say.

## About Chambers and Partners

Chambers and Partners, a U.K.-based publisher of legal guides, has dedicated the last 25 years to researching and ranking the world's best lawyers. They produce expert guides for the USA, UK, Europe, Latin America, Asia-Pacific, Canada and Global market and have recently launched the Chambers High Net Worth guide – their first publication specifically aimed at the international private wealth market.

Chambers' global reputation provides unique access to this notably difficult to reach audience. The guide will be used by family offices and professional advisers to wealthy individuals, providing objective guidance on an international scale, making Chambers High Net Worth a key reference point for such a mobile market.

The guide covers private wealth management work and related specialisms in key jurisdictions around the world, featuring in-depth editorial about the leading lawyers and law firms for wealthy individuals and families. Chambers HNW also features listings and information about many of the top accountancy and tax firms, private banks, wealth management firms and multi-family offices acting for high net worth individuals.

Chambers HNW is published annually in June. The ranking tables and commentary, therefore, are fixed at the date of publication for the following 12 months. However, factual information, such as mergers or lateral hires, is kept up-to-date on the website throughout the year.

For more information on Chambers and Partners *High Net Worth Guide* and its ranking in Connecticut, click on the link: <http://www.chambersandpartners.com/12169/2633/editorial/21/1>