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Co-Chair, Trusts and Estates

Stuart Gladstone represents individuals as well companies of all sizes, in the fields of comprehensive estate planning, business succession, estate taxation, general corporate representation, and prenuptial planning. His particular blend of experience proves invaluable for business owners wrestling with the structuring of purchase and sales of companies; tax efficient transfers of company equity to family members; qualified and non-qualified retirement plans; key personnel incentive plans; deferred compensation plans and employment agreements. He also provides counsel on estate planning to minimize federal and state estate death taxes through wills, trusts, life insurance planning and sophisticated gift and/or sale strategies.

Stuart is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. He is also a member and the former chairman of the Essex County Bar Association. Stuart is also a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, Section of Taxation (former Chairman of the Committee of Business Taxation) and the Association of the Federal Bar of the State of New Jersey (former Chairman of the Committee on Business Taxation).

Stuart is a founder and chairman of the board of the Essex County Estate Planning Council. He is co-chairman of the firm's Tax Practice Group. He is also a member of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC). Stuart has earned numerous awards over the years and is peer review rated as AV Preeminent, the highest rating for professional excellence by Martindale-Hubbell*. He has been selected by his peers on an annual basis to the "The Best Lawyers in America©" list by Best Lawyers®* and the "New Jersey Super Lawyers" list by Super Lawyers®* since 2005.

INDUSTRIES

- Family Business
- Nonprofit
- Banking & Finance

EDUCATION

- Rutgers Law School, J.D.
- New York University, LL.M., Taxation
- Rutgers University, B.A., with honors

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

- New Jersey
- New York
- U.S. Tax Court

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The Best Lawyers® in America list*

2005-2026



New Jersey "Super Lawyers®" list*

2005-2025



AV Preeminent, Martindale-Hubbell® list*

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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Chairman, Essex County Estate Planning Council
- Fellow, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel
- Former Chairman, Essex County Bar Association
- Member, American Bar Association, Section of Taxation (former Chairman of the Committee on Business Taxation)
- Member, Association of the Federal Bar of the State of New Jersey (former Chairman of the Committee on Business Taxation)
- Member, New Jersey State Bar Association

Insights

Alerts - *February 2, 2026*
IRS CP261 Reminder: Subchapter S Salary & Payroll Tax Requirements

Alerts - *September 2, 2025*
One Big Beautiful Bill Act: Key Tax Changes That May Impact Your Estate Plan

B|E in the News - *August 28, 2025*
6 Things Rich Retirees Do That Middle-Class Ones Don’t

Awards - *August 21, 2025*
57 Total Brach Eichler Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers in America© 2026

Awards - *July 29, 2025*
2025 Chambers High Net Worth Guide Recognizes Brach Eichler Trusts and Estates Department and Co-Chair Susan K.

Dromsky-Reed for Private Wealth Law

B|E in the News - *July 11, 2025*

Big Beautiful Bill: What Estate-Planning Steps Make Sense Now?

B|E in the News - *July 9, 2025*

Big Beautiful Bill: What Estate-Planning Steps Make Sense Now?

Blogs - *May 8, 2025*

Tax Court Examines Discounted Cash Flow Valuation and Tax Affecting in Recent Decision

Awards - *March 20, 2025*

34 Attorneys from Brach Eichler Recognized for Inclusion in the 2025 “New Jersey Super Lawyers” list by Super Lawyers

Awards - *August 15, 2024*

45 Total Brach Eichler Attorneys Recognized in the “2025 Best Lawyers in America©” List by Best Lawyers