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**Sirote's Private Clients, Trusts and Estates Practice Group and Four of its Attorneys have received Distinguished Recognition from Chambers and Partners in Chambers High Net Worth Guide**



**Birmingham, Ala. (August, 2018)** — Sirote & Permutt, P.C., is pleased to announce that its [Private Clients, Trusts and Estates Practice Group](#) has again been highly ranked in the 2018 edition of *Chambers High Net Worth (HNW) Guide*, used by family offices and professional advisors to high net worth individuals in providing objective guidance on an international scale. Sirote is ranked in the highest distinguished tier, Band 1, as only one of three top Alabama firms in the 2018 *High Net Worth Guide*.

Sources from the *HNW Guide* say full-service law firm Sirote & Permutt is “premier and very well respected in the community. Sirote has the largest number of estate planning lawyers on its staff and has a lot of experience in different disciplines in the estate planning area.”

Sirote's team has experience in a wide range of private client matters, including high net worth estate planning, special needs planning, international wealth management, and fiduciary litigation. One Alabama advisor states that “they understand the law and the complexities of estate planning rules.” Sirote has 19 attorneys in the Private Clients, Trusts and Estates Practice Group, five of whom are American College of Trust & Estate Counsel Fellows and nine of whom have an LL.M. in taxation.

In addition to the Private Clients, Trusts and Estates Practice Group as a whole, several individual attorneys received recognition for their outstanding work in this area:

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[Harold Apolinsky](#) is “very well known and has an excellent reputation” as a long-standing member in the estate planning community. He has more than 50 years’ experience in this area of law.

[Katherine Barr](#) is known for her work in special needs planning and is recognized as a leader in the field of disability law. A source notes, “She has very good client-handling skills, understands the needs of the clients, and handles difficult situations very well.” Barr also handles a wide range of estate planning and administration matters for high net worth clients.

[Elizabeth H. Hutchins](#) is regarded as “a leader in the community” and “widely recognized for her work in tax planning for high net worth individuals.” Hutchins advises on all aspects of estate planning, as well as charitable giving and business succession. She has “good technical knowledge and good rapport with clients.” A source notes, “She is very creative in her solutions.”

[Craig Stephens](#) represents high net worth individuals and owners of family businesses throughout the estate planning and business succession process, focusing his practice on tax minimization strategies. Sources note Craig is “someone they truly enjoy working with,” adding, “He does a great job of asking the right questions, understanding the client, and providing the right solutions.”

Since 1990, London-based Chambers and Partners has ranked the world’s best lawyers and law firms with its in-depth guides. Its team of more than 180 full-time researchers prides itself on in-depth, objective analysis of the legal market in 185 jurisdictions on four continents.

### **About Sirote & Permutt, P.C.**

Sirote & Permutt, P.C., was founded on a simple philosophy: we exist to make possible the unique vision of every client who walks through our doors, from Fortune 500 companies to family owned businesses and high-net-worth individuals. We’ve worked with visionaries, innovators and business leaders for more than 70 years, helping each client with needs simple and complex, large and small.

Sirote is a full-service law firm, with seven offices in Alabama and Florida. Our more than 100 attorneys provide deep experience in 11 distinct practice areas: Alternative Dispute Resolution; Banking & Finance; Bankruptcy & Creditor’s Rights; Corporate & Securities; Government Contracts; Health Care; Litigation; Mortgage Banking; Private Clients, Trusts & Estates; Real Estate; and Tax.

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