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About Steven

Steven focuses his practice on developing and implementing a wide range of state, federal, and international tax and estate planning strategies. He helps entrepreneurs, business owners, and other high-net-worth individuals to effect wealth transfers, asset protection, and succession planning by preparing estate planning documents to protect them, their family members and loved ones, and their assets during lifetime and upon death.

Steven is among the fewer than one-half of one percent of the Florida Bar members who are board certified in Wills, Trusts, and Estates (WT&E), a peer-reviewed designation he has continuously held since 1997. Steven advises clients on business and tax structuring, choice of entity, inter-generational planning, and the formation and operation of family limited partnerships and private family foundations. He also handles probate and trust administration, guardianship, elder law, and the preparation of wills, revocable trusts, and irrevocable trusts, including charitable, insurance, real property, and related trust instruments.

Steven's Affiliations

- Estate Planning Council of Greater Miami
- The Florida Bar, Tax Section; Real Property, Probate & Trust Section; Elder Law Section
- FLN Global (f/k/a Florida Legal Network), Coral Gables Chapter
- Greater Fort Lauderdale Tax Council, Inc., Past President

Areas of Focus

Services: Corporate & Transactions; Private Banking & Private Wealth Management; Tax; Trusts & Estates

Experience

- Minimized current and future tax exposure for high-net-worth clients through strategic wealth transfers involving gifting, value-freezing, and trust structures tailored to both liquid and illiquid assets.
- Facilitated successful ownership transitions for business owners and executives through tailored succession-planning strategies, including equity transfers.
- Preserved long-term wealth for individuals and families through bespoke planning strategies following sudden, significant liquidity or wealth events.

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Trusts and Estates, 2023 – 2026
- Board-Certified Specialist (BCS) in Wills, Trusts, and Estates, Florida Bar, Board of Legal Specialization and Education Committee, a designation held continuously since 1997
- Martindale-Hubbell, AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rating, highest ratings for competence and ethics

Credentials

Education

University of Miami School of Law, LLM, Taxation, 1983

University of Miami School of Law, JD, 1982

University of Rochester, BA, 1979

Bar Admissions

Florida

Court Admissions

US Tax Court

Interests

Did you know...

Steven plays a number of musical instruments, with an affinity for a wide range of music genres.

Community/Civic Activities

- Daniel D. Cantor Senior Center, Inc., of Sunrise, Florida, Past Member of the Board of Directors

Thought Leadership

Presentations

- “Trust Ownership of S Corporation Stock,” FLN Global - Coral Gables Chapter, Coral Gables, Florida, June 26, 2025
- “Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets in Florida Estate Planning,” Florida Lawyers Network - Coral Gables Chapter Monthly Meeting, Coral Gables, Florida, October 27, 2022
- “The Estate Planning Elephant in the Room,” Florida Lawyers Network - Coral Gables Chapter Monthly Meeting, Virtual Event, May 27, 2021
- “Florida Probate Law: ‘What You Need to Know,’” Miami-Dade Legal Support Association, Membership Meeting, Miami, Florida, January 24, 2018
- “Florida Electronic Wills Act,” Florida Lawyers Network - Coral Gables Chapter Monthly Meeting, Coral Gables, Florida, September 28, 2017

Event

- Hinshaw Attorneys Present Alongside The Northern Trust for Florida Equine Event, Feb 22, 2011

Hinshaw Alerts

- Use It or Lose It: Federal Gift and Estate Tax Exemption Set to Sunset at the End of 2025, Oct 7, 2024
- How the Opioid Crisis affects your Estate Planning, Jul 19, 2018
- Last Chance to Disclose to IRS?, Jul 19, 2018
- Top Ten Reasons to Avoid Planning for Your Estate... Yes, You Read That Correctly, Dec 19, 2017
- Estate Planning Newsletter - December 2011, Dec 13, 2011

Hinshaw Newsletters

- Estate Planning Newsletter - December 2018 Edition, Dec 11, 2018
- Estate Planning Newsletter - December 2016 Edition, Dec 19, 2016
- Estate Planning Newsletter - December 2015 Edition, Dec 15, 2015
- Estate Planning Newsletter - December 2014 Edition, Dec 2, 2014
- Estate Planning Newsletter - December 2013 Edition, Dec 11, 2013

In The News

- Steven Cutler Discusses the For The 99.5% Act in FLN Presentation, Jun 8, 2021
- Steven W. Cutler Reviews a Florida Legislative Proposal that Would Authorize Use of “Electronic Wills”, May 11, 2017
- Steven Cutler Quoted in Article Discussing How Changes to Foreign Investment Tax Law Will Affect Miami Real Estate, Feb 9, 2016

Press Releases

- 102 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2026 Editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *Ones to Watch*™, Aug 21, 2025
- 105 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2025 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch, Aug 15, 2024
- 101 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2024 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch, Aug 17, 2023
- Eighty-Seven Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2023 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch, Aug 18, 2022
- Steven Cutler Named Most Valuable Member of Broward County Chapters of Business Network International (BNI), Dec 9, 2011

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