

**“WHETHER OUR CLIENTS ARE INTERNATIONAL WITH DIVERSE ISSUES OR LOCAL FAMILIES, WE PROVIDE A HIGH-SERVICE AND COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO THEIR ESTATE AND ASSET PROTECTION PLANNING.”**



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**F**our attorneys who practiced together for years founded Giordani Schurig Beckett & Tackett, LLP, in December, 2000. Today the firm includes six attorneys and five exceptional paralegals.

**CONCENTRATION.** The firm focuses on estate planning and asset protection, including probate, trust, and estate administration; tax, business, and charitable planning; and private placement life insurance planning. The firm's core clientele consists of high net worth individuals and families.

**GLOBAL REACH.** The firm has earned an international reputation in estate planning law. "We have developed both a national and multinational practice, with clients living all over the world," says partner Elizabeth Morgan Schurig. However, the firm does not cater exclusively to affluent globe-trotters. "We have honed our procedures so that we're able to provide the same level of service to our local clients," she says. "For us, that is a very important part of what we do."

**AN ALL-STAR TEAM.** Three of the firm's four partners were named 2003 Texas Super Lawyers. Elizabeth Morgan Schurig is co-author of the four-volume *Asset Protection: Domestic and International Law and Tactics* (West Group, updated quarterly, 1995). "It deals with both domestic and foreign asset protection issues. It covers everything you could imagine from fraudulent transfer issues to how to establish a foreign trust," says Schurig. Partner Leslie Giordani is a nationally recognized expert in the life insurance area, focusing on private placement products. "High-net-worth individuals can realize tremendous income tax and estate-planning benefits with high-premium, institutionally priced life insurance policies. Counseling clients acquiring private placement life insurance has become a large part of our firm's practice," Giordani says. Partner and former IRS estate tax attorney Steven Tackett leads the firm's domestic estate practice. "The tax and legal aspects of the administration of the estate can be daunting, especially if there is a dispute among beneficiaries or with the IRS," he says. "We assist clients in working through these situations in an effective manner."

**FAMILY-FRIENDLY CULTURE.** With partner Carolyn M. Beckett, who leads the firm's income tax and business-planning practice, three of the firm's four partners are women. As attorneys who help families plan for their futures, they believe that what's good for an employee's family is good for the firm. Says Schurig, "Our clients appreciate that family feel, too."

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