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Maintaining High Standards in High Asset Divorce

Stern Edlin

ince its founding in the early 1980s, the Atlanta-based firm Stern Edlin has gained a reputation of mutual respect, appreciation, and trust from both clients and peers. Focused on the practice of complex divorce and custody issues, the team also provides sophisticated advocacy for clients facing multistate jurisdictional issues and complex international matters.

"We are not an assembly line divorce firm. We take the time to gain an in-depth understanding of our clients and their families," says Shiel Edlin, president of the firm. "High net worth clients demand a high level of representation, but we give all our clients the extra time and energy we feel is needed to support them and make a difference in the outcome."

Edlin credits both his first job as a judicial state clerk and his long partnership with attorney and firm co-founder George Stern for propelling the trajectory of his career: "I've worked hard since the beginning and surrounded myself with smart people. I tell clients that I take the credibility I've earned and pass it along to them when I handle cases."

Dedicated Advocacy, Savvy Approach

Edlin is proud that many clients consider him and his team "closers"—especially for complicated or contentious cases—and many other attorneys refer cases where significant wealth is at stake to the Stern Edlin team.

"Clients who come to us seeking new counsel often say their previous legal team didn't ask questions or give feedback. We are direct, open, and honest, which is always greatly appreciated—even when we make statements clients may not want to hear," he says.

With more than three decades of experience, Edlin has also honed his mediation skills. Noting that lawyers are renowned for thinking in terms of "black and white," Edlin says showing empathy and developing connections is a key part of the process.

And the firm continues to seek ways to best serve clients. In the last two years, Stern Edlin has grown to nine

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attorneys and has moved to a new office space that offers room for expansion. "We can match clients with the attorney that fits their needs and also collaborate on cases," says Edlin. "We understand having instant access is vital to providing superior legal services, and our clients enjoy knowing that an attorney will be available to answer questions and give direction."



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