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Gray Reed & McGraw Attorneys Listed as 2012 Five Star Wealth Managers

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Gray Reed & McGraw attorneys <u>Norm Lofgren</u> and John Rothpletz were listed as "Five Star Wealth Managers in Estate Planning" for 2012 in *Texas Monthly* and *Five Star Professional*. Less than four percent of wealth managers in the market earn the award.

Norm's practice focuses on taxation, estate planning and family wealth protection and transfer. His experience as a former trial attorney for the IRS coupled with his extensive experience in income, estate, gift, generation-skipping tax matters and tax planning for closely held businesses enables Norm to create solutions that minimize tax exposure and preserve wealth.

For over 35 years, John has provided individuals and closely held businesses with tax advice relating to every aspect of tax planning and the business cycle. John has represented hundreds of closely held businesses and individuals, including developers, executives, physicians, architects, attorneys, manufacturers, laboratories, real estate brokers, sales representatives, restaurants and entrepreneurs.

Nominees of the Five Star Wealth Manager award were identified through research conducted with peers and firms, including a survey conducted by Five Star Professional. Nominated wealth managers who fulfilled evaluation criteria – such as client retention rates, credentials, minimum five years experience, and favorable regulatory and complaint history review – were named 2012 Five Star Wealth Managers.

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