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Guy E. Whitesman is a shareholder and chair of the Business and Tax Department of the law firm of Henderson, Franklin Starnes & Holt, P.A., in Fort Myers, Florida. Guy received his B.A. (1978) and J.D. (1981) from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and his Master of Laws in Taxation (1985) from the University of Florida, Gainesville.

He is an active member of the Tax Section of The Florida Bar and will be its Chair Elect on July 1, 2009. Guy has been board certified in Tax law since 1992. He is a past chairman of the Tax Certification Committee which oversees the board certification process in tax law. Guy concentrates his practice in the areas of taxation, business and estate planning (business creation, operations, acquisitions, mergers and health care law). He frequently writes and speaks on issues regarding taxation, business, and estate planning to members of the public as well as to accountants and attorneys in professional education courses.

Guy has been active in community affairs in Southwest Florida and became a member of the Foundation Board in July, 2009. He has served as a Director and Past President of the Jewish Federation of Lee and Charlotte Counties, as a founding Trustee of the Jewish Community Foundation of Southwest Florida, as Director and Past President of the of the Rotary Club of Fort Myers South, and as a Trustee Emeritus and Past President of the Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium. Guy is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Edison Ford Winter Estates Foundation, Inc., the Community Cooperative Ministries, Inc. and the Edison Pageant of Light of Fort Myers, Inc.

Prior to moving to Fort Myers in 1986, Guy served as a criminal defense attorney with the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps and was engaged in the private practice of law in Miami. He is married to Ilene Safron, and has a son, Joseph Samuel and a daughter, Jena Morgan.