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**DEAN MEAD RANKED IN TOP SPOT AMONG BEST LAW FIRMS IN TAX LAW IN U.S.**  
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Fort Pierce, Florida - Dean Mead was ranked as one of the Best Law Firms in Tax Law among the West Palm Beach Metropolitan Rankings in the 2010 Best Law Firms® rankings released by U.S. News Media Group and Best Lawyers. The national first-tier rankings are featured in the October print issue of *U.S. News & World Report*.

These inaugural rankings, which are presented in tiers both nationally and by metropolitan area or by state, showcase 8,782 different law firms ranked in one or more of 81 major practice areas. Full data is available online for the law firms that received rankings, from the largest firms in the country to hundreds of one-person and two-person law firms, providing a comprehensive view of the U.S. legal profession that is unprecedented both in the range of firms represented and in the range of qualitative and quantitative data used to develop the rankings.

Dean Mead is the only Florida law firm north of West Palm Beach that was rated as a Tier One firm in the inaugural survey. Presently, there are four tax lawyers in Dean Mead's Fort Pierce office including Michael D. Minton, Bradley R. Gould, Richard I. Withers and Dana M. Trachtenberg.

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