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**BOSTON ESTATE PLANNING COUNCIL HAS BEEN HONORED AS A 5 STAR COUNCIL BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ESTATE PLANNERS & COUNCILS (NAEPC)**

WESTFORD, MA (October 5, 2020) – The Boston Estate Planning Council has been recognized as a 5 Star Council by the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils as a part of the Leonard H. Neiman and Walter Lee Davis, Jr. Council of Excellence Award program. This honor recognizes estate planning councils that have demonstrated a high level of achievement in areas critical to a successful membership experience.

“The estate planning councils being recognized as 5 Star Councils provide a high level of member service and are contributing to the success of not only their members, but to the estate planning profession and the community as a whole. We are very proud of them and their work and commend their leadership on a job well done” NAEPC President John P. “Jack” Garniewski, Jr. said.

The Council of Excellence Award is named for two individuals who truly sought to strengthen the bond between NAEPC and its affiliated councils during their terms on the board. Walter Lee Davis, Jr. served as president of the association in 2008 and was instrumental in forming the Council Relations Committee, a group of volunteer members who are charged with being a liaison between affiliates and the national association. Leonard H. Neiman served the association as a board member for over fifteen years and worked tirelessly to gather information about estate planning councils from around the country.

**ABOUT BEPC**

The [Boston Estate Planning Council \(BEPC\)](#) is a vibrant, diverse community of more than 700 estate and wealth planning professionals in the greater Boston area. Through our educational programs and networking events, BEPC members connect to build and strengthen relations, exchange ideas, and gain insights. Founded in 1930, BEPC is one of the oldest and largest interdisciplinary estate planning councils in the country. BEPC’s community includes attorneys, accountants, bank and trust officers, wealth managers and advisors, financial planners, insurance agents, appraisers, planned giving specialists, and other allied professionals.

The council is a member of the [National Association of Estate Planners & Councils](#), the leading professional organization for estate planners, which provides its 2,100+ Accredited Estate Planner® designees and over 275 affiliated local estate planning councils and their 30,000 members with ongoing education and a forum for professional networking. For additional information contact: Cambria Happ, Executive Director, 978-364-5170 phone or [chapp@bepec.org](mailto:chapp@bepec.org).

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