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Best of BUSINESS 2001

A look at the
region's standouts

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We pick the best

As the year wraps up, it is time to take stock of the people, companies and places that make up South Florida's legal and business environment. They weave a news fabric that isn't all told in facts, figures and quotes.

So it is with pleasure that we bring you our second annual "Best of Business" special issue. In this section, we took it upon ourselves to select and name the region's standouts. We examine a wide range of aspects that frequently are left out of business news, but nonetheless are part and parcel for the environment in which news happen.

This is no run-of-the-mill best-restaurant list. We've taken notice of some standouts whose top-rating element would have gone unappreciated by other observers.

The criteria? That's the fun part. Nominations and selections are made by reporters and editors, based on their knowledge of the community and, simply put, their opinions.

We hope you enjoy reading our selections, even if you disagree. And you may be surprised - the year's standouts may be right in your company, your building or your neighborhood. ♦

Best Dressed Lawyer

Stuart Grossman, Grossman and Roth
Fort Lauderdale

Stuart Grossman says he's been a clothes horse since his days at Coral Gables High School. But as one of the most successful trial lawyers in America, the senior partner at the firm Grossman and Roth can now afford to indulge his passion.

He has his suits custom-made by the Italian designer Canali. For trials, he wears suits made by the designer Oxford, shopping at Bertini's on Miracle Mile and Maus & Hoffman in Boca Raton. "I'm very conscious of fabric," he says. "I buy Super 120 - that's a type of wool that is very fine, very lightweight, but holds up." Spurning the "Johnnie Cochran" look, he favors ties in "strong colors and stripes, nothing outlandish."

The elegance sometimes comes at a price: Grossman is teased by his friends when he shows up at Heat games in double-breasted suits. "I only dress that way because I can't drive home to Boca Raton and change," he says. "I'm actually envious of everyone else in jeans and T-shirts." ♦

