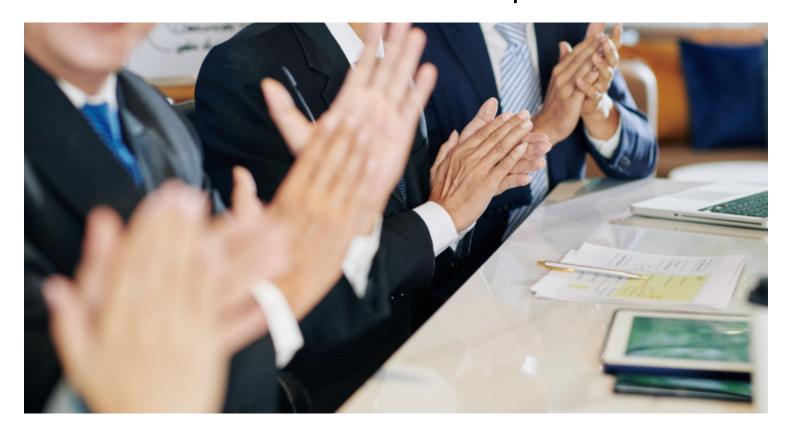


Stuart T. Smith Joins Slayton Search Partners as Senior Vice President and Principal





Slayton Search Partners, a globally respected leader in retained executive search, is excited to announce that Stuart T. Smith has joined the company as Senior Vice President and Principal. Stuart will be a key member of the financial services practice, supporting commercial banking, private banking, wealth management, and real estate partners.

"Slayton Search Partners is one of the most respected firms in the industry," said Stuart. "Their welcoming, world-class culture has already lived up to its reputation, and I look forward to making an impact on the biggest stage in search."



Prior to joining Slayton, Stuart cultivated several years of experience with global retainer firms and boutiques. He has a track record of successfully providing community and regional banks, real estate firms, REITs, and private equity firms with senior management talent. Prior to his executive search career, Stuart grew his customer service skills in real estate where he focused on residential lending and industrial brokerage. His bachelor's degree in entrepreneurship from Syracuse University prepared him well for his career path.

"Stuart's skill set, work ethic, and personality make him an excellent fit for our team," shared Richard Slayton, Managing Partner & CEO of Slayton Search Partners. "His dedication to delivering a best-in-class client experience will prove to be a significant asset for our financial services partners."

About Slayton Search Partners

Slayton Search Partners is a top retained executive search firm, serving some of North America's most recognized companies. Slayton's limit-less® approach to executive search has made the firm the first choice of U.S. businesses and organizations who demand the best possible search results. By focusing on a structure that balances the size needed to do the job with the size needed to deliver personal attention and service, Slayton avoids restrictions that limit traditional search firms. This helps transform the relationships with our clients into a limit-less® opportunity for high-quality solutions.

Slayton's combination of highly experienced and focused search professionals, coupled with its record for attentive personal service, has made it one of the most highly-respected retained executive search firms in the country.