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**Attorney Richard R. Gans Named A 2013 *Florida Legal Elite***

**SARASOTA, FL – July 8, 2013:** Richard R. Gans, a shareholder in the law firm of Fergeson, Skipper, Shaw, Keyser, Baron & Tirabassi, P.A., has been selected by his peers for inclusion in *Florida Trend* magazine's 2013 *Florida Legal Elite*. The list of 1,228 honorees, published in the July issue of *Florida Trend*, includes attorneys in private practice as well as top government and non-profit attorneys.

Actively practicing Florida attorneys were asked to name attorneys with whom they have personally worked and that they hold in highest regard and would recommend to others. Stringent voting guidelines were followed and votes were tallied by an independent research firm. A panel of previous Legal Elite winners, representing a variety of practice areas in cities across the state, reviewed the selection process and the list of finalists. Florida Bar President Eugene K. Pettis notes, "In an ever crowded profession, it's even more important to the public and the profession to identify exceptional attorneys; *Florida Legal Elite* is a great resource for this task."

Gans is board certified as a specialist in wills, trusts and estates and is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. In addition to his numerous professional affiliations, he has served as a board member for many area non-profit organizations, including the Community Foundation of Sarasota County, Woman's Exchange, Pines of Sarasota Foundation, and Sarasota Concert Association.

**About Fergeson, Skipper, Shaw, Keyser, Baron & Tirabassi, P.A.**

Fergeson, Skipper, Shaw, Keyser, Baron & Tirabassi, P.A., has provided legal support to clients for over 35 years. Founded in 1976, it is a full service law firm concentrating in the areas of federal taxation, wills, trusts and estates, civil, trial and real estate law. The firm is located at 1515 Ringling Boulevard, Sarasota, Florida. For information, visit [www.fergesonskipper.com](http://www.fergesonskipper.com).



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