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Attorney Richard R. Gans Named A 2015 *Florida Legal Elite*

SARASOTA, FL – July 21, 2015: Richard R. Gans, a shareholder in the law firm of Fergeson, Skipper, Shaw, Keyser, Baron & Tirabassi, P.A., has been named a 2015 Florida Legal Elite. This is the eighth consecutive year he has been selected as a Florida Legal Elite by his peers. Published in the July issue of *Florida Trend* magazine, the attorneys chosen represent less than two percent of the active Florida Bar members who practice in Florida.

Actively practicing Florida attorneys were asked to name attorneys with whom they have personally worked, hold in high regard, and would recommend to others. Stringent voting guidelines were followed and only attorneys currently licensed and practicing in Florida were eligible for selection. Those attorneys receiving top votes were further examined using membership status and histories provided by The Florida Bar. A panel of previous Legal Elite winners, representing different practice areas in cities across the state, also reviewed the selection process and list of finalists.

Gans is certified by The Florida Bar as a specialist in wills, trusts and estates, is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, and has an AV[®] Preeminent[™] Peer Review Rating from the attorney rating site Martindale-Hubbell, which is the highest rating available for an attorney's legal ability and professional ethics. He has been recognized as a Five Star Wealth Manager, representing a level of excellence achieved by fewer than seven percent of the wealth managers in the area. He is a frequent lecturer on topics relating to wills, trusts, and estate planning, and his published works have appeared in many legal and peer-reviewed publications. His professional affiliations include serving as a former President of both the Southwest Florida Planned Giving Council and Southwest Florida Estate Planning Council, and serving on various committees of The Florida Bar. He has served on the boards of numerous non-profit organizations and is currently Vice Chair of the Community Foundation of Sarasota County and a Board Director of the Woman's Exchange.

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 39 years. Founded in 1976, it is a full service law firm concentrating in the areas of federal taxation, wills, trusts and estates, civil, trial, business, and real estate law. All ten attorneys at the firm are certified by The Florida Bar as a specialist in their areas of expertise. The Florida Bar's certification process is rigorous, requiring years of legal experience, extensive peer review, and passage of a comprehensive written examination. The firm is located at 1515 Ringling Boulevard, Sarasota, Florida; telephone 941-957-1900. For information, visit

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Photo attached – Richard R. Gans