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Richard R. Gans Is Named a Florida Legal Elite for 12th Consecutive Year

(Southwest Florida – Oct. 2019) – The law firm of Fergeson Skipper, P.A., is pleased to announce shareholder Richard R. Gans has been named to Florida Trend’s 2019 Florida Legal Elite report. This marks the 12th consecutive year that Mr. Gans has been included in this prestigious listing of Florida lawyers.

“We congratulate Richard on this great honor and especially commend him on the remarkable achievement of earning the award 12 years in a row,” said James O. Fergeson, Jr of Fergeson Skipper. “Florida Legal Elite is a particularly meaningful recognition because it is based on peer recommendations and is something that many lawyers aspire to but few actually achieve.”

Less than 1.5 percent of active Florida Bar members are named to the Florida Legal Elite listing. The rigorous selection process includes input from all active members of the Florida Bar, with votes tallied by an independent research firm and reviewed by a blue-ribbon panel of lawyers.

Mr. Gans has been part of Fergeson Skipper since 1994 and is certified by The Florida Bar as a specialist in wills, trusts and estates. He has an AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell, which is the highest rating available for an attorney’s legal ability and professional ethics. Gans is a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and is an accomplished speaker and published author. His lengthy record of accolades includes the Best Lawyers in America© list from 2010-2019 and over 10 years as a Florida Super Lawyer. Best Lawyers® named him as 2018 “Lawyer of the Year” for Trusts and Estates Law in the Sarasota metropolitan area and the 2012 “Lawyer of the Year” for Trusts and Estates Law in the Tampa metropolitan area. Gans has served on the boards of numerous local

non-profits and is currently Board Chair of the Community Foundation of Sarasota County and Director of the Woman's Exchange Inc.

About Fergeson Skipper

Founded in 1976, Fergeson Skipper, P.A., has provided superior legal services to clients for over forty years. It is a full-service law firm with concentrations in federal taxation, wills, trusts and estates, litigation, business law, personal injury and real estate law. All shareholders 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 in Sarasota, Florida. For information, call 941-957-1900 or visit FergesonSkipper.com.

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