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## Attorney Richard R. Gans Named A 2016 Florida Legal Elite

**SARASOTA, FL (July 2016):** Richard R. Gans, a shareholder in the law firm of Fergeson, Skipper, Shaw, Keyser, Baron & Tirabassi, P.A., has been named a 2016 Florida Legal Elite. This is the ninth 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 they 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 the list of finalists.

Gans is certified by The Florida Bar as a specialist in wills, trusts and estates, and he is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. He holds an AV<sup>®</sup> Preeminent<sup>™</sup> 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 was listed in 2016 *Best Lawyers in America*<sup>©</sup> and named *Best Lawyers*<sup>®</sup> 2016 "Lawyer of the Year" for Trusts and Estates Law in the Sarasota area, which also includes Bradenton and Lakewood Ranch. In addition to being included on the 2016 *Florida Super Lawyers*<sup>®</sup> list, he was also selected to the *Super Lawyers* 2016 Florida "Top 100" list. 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.

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

Fergeson, Skipper, Shaw, Keyser, Baron & Tirabassi, P.A., has provided legal support to clients for 40 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 of the firm's shareholders 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 [www.fergesonskipper.com](http://www.fergesonskipper.com).

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Photo attached - Richard R. Gans