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Ferguson Skipper's Richard R. Gans Is Named a 2018 *Florida Legal Elite*

(Southwest Florida) – The law firm of Ferguson Skipper, P.A., is pleased to congratulate shareholder Richard R. Gans on his inclusion in Florida Trend Magazine's 2018 *Florida Legal Elite* report. This is the 11th consecutive year that Mr. Gans has been included in the peer-selected listing of Florida lawyers, which represents fewer than 1.5 percent of active Florida Bar members who practice in the state.

Attorneys selected for Florida Legal Elite 2018 will be listed in a special report in the July issue of Florida Trend magazine. The Legal Elite selection process is rigorous, with input solicited from all active members of the Florida Bar. Votes are tallied by an independent research firm and reviewed by a Blue Ribbon Panel of lawyers.

A shareholder at Ferguson Skinner since 1994, Gans 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 2010-2018 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 both the Community Foundation of Sarasota County and Woman's Exchange Inc.

About Ferguson Skipper

Founded in 1976, Ferguson 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 FergusonSkipper.com.

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