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Richard R. Gans Named 2016 “Lawyer of the Year”

Selected *Best Lawyers*® 2016 "Lawyer of the Year" for Trusts and Estates Law in the Sarasota Area

SARASOTA, FL – August 17, 2015: Richard R. Gans, a shareholder in the law firm of Fergeson, Skipper, Shaw, Keyser, Baron & Tirabassi, P.A., was recently named the *Best Lawyers*® 2016 "Lawyer of the Year" for Trusts and Estates Law in the Sarasota area, which also includes Bradenton and Lakewood Ranch. In previous years the Sarasota area has been included as part of the Tampa metropolitan area. Only a single lawyer in each practice area and designated metropolitan area is honored as a "Lawyer of the Year," making this accolade particularly significant. These lawyers are selected based on impressive voting averages received during the peer-review assessments. Receiving this designation reflects the high level of respect a lawyer has earned among other leading lawyers in the same communities and the same practice areas for their abilities, professionalism, and integrity. Since it was first published in 1983, *Best Lawyers* has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. Gans will be included in “Lawyer of the Year” listings appearing in *Tampa Bay’s Best Lawyers* magazine, *The Wall Street Journal*, and area newspapers.

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. In 2011 he was named the *Best Lawyers*® 2012 “Lawyer of the Year” for Trusts and Estates Law in the Tampa metropolitan area. 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 www.fergesonskipper.com.

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Photo attached – Richard R. Gans