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Rick Gans Named Florida Legal Elite for 13th Consecutive Year

Sarasota, Florida – August 20, 2020 – Fergeson Skipper, P.A. is pleased to announce shareholder Richard (Rick) R. Gans has been named to *Florida Trend's* 2020 Florida Legal Elite report. This marks the 13th consecutive year that Gans has been included in this prestigious listing of Florida lawyers.

“We congratulate Rick and commend him on the remarkable achievement of earning the award 13 years in a row,” said Michelle Lajoie Hermey, president of the law firm. “Florida Legal Elite is a particularly meaningful recognition because it attests that Rick’s peers hold him in the highest regard.”

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. 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 extensive record of accolades includes the Best Lawyers® in America list from 2010-2020 and 14 consecutive years as a Florida Super Lawyer®. Best Lawyers® named him as 2016 and 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 as board chair of the Community Foundation of Sarasota County and director of the Woman’s Exchange Inc.

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