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Rick Gans Recognized as Florida Legal Elite for 14th Consecutive Year

Sarasota, Florida – August 19, 2021 – Fergeson Skipper, P.A. is pleased to announce president and shareholder Richard (Rick) R. Gans has been selected for inclusion in *Florida Trend's* 2021 Florida Legal Elite report. This marks the 14th consecutive year Gans has been recognized in this prestigious listing of Florida lawyers.

"We congratulate Rick for earning Elite status 14 years in a row," said Fergeson Skipper shareholder David S. Maglich. "This recognition is especially commendable because it attests that our firm's president is held in the highest regard by his peers."

Less than 1.5 percent of active Florida Bar members appear among *Florida Trend's* 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 panel of previous honorees from across the state. 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 2010-2021 and 15 consecutive years as a Florida Super Lawyer®. Best Lawyers® named him as 2016, 2018 and 2021 "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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Founded in 1976, Fergeson Skipper, P.A., has provided superior legal services to clients for 45 years. It is a full-service law firm with concentrations in federal taxation, wills, trusts and estates, litigation, business law and real estate law. All shareholders at the firm are board 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.