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## Ferguson, Skipper, Shaw, Keyser, Baron & Tirabassi, P.A. Celebrates 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**SARASOTA, FL (February 22, 2016):** The law firm of Ferguson, Skipper, Shaw, Keyser, Baron & Tirabassi, P.A., is pleased to announce it is celebrating 40 years of providing legal representation for businesses and individuals in the Sarasota area, concentrating in the areas of wills, trusts and estates, civil trial and business litigation, tax law, real estate law, and business organization and corporate law.

States founding partner James O. Ferguson, Jr., “We are committed to the continued growth of our firm and we look forward to maintaining strong, lasting relationships with existing clients and forging relationships with new clients based on confidence, ability and trust. Our vision for the future is guided by our founding philosophy: to provide expert legal representation with an unwavering dedication to clients.”

All ten of the firm’s shareholders are certified by The Florida Bar as a specialist in his or her areas of expertise and have received the prestigious 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. The Florida Bar’s certification process is rigorous, requiring years of legal experience, peer review, and passage of a comprehensive written examination. Only seven percent of all attorneys in the State of Florida have obtained board certification. All attorneys in the firm’s tax and estate planning practice group also have advanced law degrees in tax or estate planning.

Having received numerous industry-related awards and peer recognition since opening in 1976, they are routinely recognized for their legal expertise and accomplishments by Best Lawyers in America, Florida Super Lawyers, Florida Legal Elite, and Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business. Most recently, the firm was named a 2016 Best Law Firm by *U.S. News & World Report* and *Best Lawyers*<sup>®</sup> and ranked in Tier 1 for Trusts and Estates Law and Tier 2 for Tax Law in the Sarasota Metro area. Shareholders James O. Ferguson, Jr., J. Ronald Skipper, and Richard R. Gans were selected by their peers for inclusion in the 2016 edition of *The Best Lawyers In America*, and Richard R. Gans was named *Best Lawyers*<sup>®</sup> 2016 “Lawyer of the Year” for Trusts and Estates Law in the Sarasota Metro area.

Attorneys in the firm regularly contribute their time and expertise to legal education by publishing articles, giving speeches and lectures, leading seminars, and serving on boards and committees of various legal organizations, including The Florida Bar and the Sarasota County Bar Association. They have a long history of involvement and leadership in numerous civic, cultural and philanthropic organizations, including the Community Foundation of Sarasota County, the Sarasota Chamber of Commerce, Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County, Tidewell Hospice, and the Woman’s Exchange. As an expression of the firm’s ongoing commitment to the Sarasota community, it established a donor advised fund at the Community

Foundation of Sarasota County to support charitable causes.

**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 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](http://www.fergesonskipper.com).

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Photo attached – James O. Fergeson, Jr.