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## Attorneys Mayer and Archbold Present Educational Courses for FICPA

**SARASOTA, FL (December 7, 2015):** Attorneys Matthew B. Mayer and J. Allison Archbold recently made presentations at the Gulf Coast Chapter of the Florida Institute of CPAs (FICPA). The FICPA offers Continuing Professional Education (CPE) courses to assist CPAs in meeting their state license requirements. Attendees received one hour of CPE credit per presentation.

Mayer and Archbold are shareholders in the law firm of Fergeson, Skipper, Shaw, Keyser, Baron & Tirabassi, P.A. Both have received the AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating from MartindaleHubbell®, which is the highest rating available for an attorney's legal ability and professional ethics. Attorneys at 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 organizations, including The Florida Bar and the Sarasota County Bar Association.

Mayer's presentation focused on the preparation and requirements of Guardianship Accountings. He is a Florida board certified tax lawyer with an advanced law degree in taxation. His areas of practice include taxation, business law, guardianship administration, elder law, estate planning, and estate and trust administration. He is authorized to practice law before all local and state courts in Florida, as well as the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, the U.S. Tax Court, and the U.S. Court of Federal claims. He is a Past Chair of the Sarasota County Bar Association's Estate Planning and Probate Section, and a Past President of the Florida State Guardianship Association. He has also been a licensed Florida certified public accountant for over 27 years.

Archbold's topic, "Crummey Powers: Not As Crummy As They Sound," covered a provision contained in certain irrevocable trusts that permits specified trust beneficiaries to withdraw gifts made to a trust for a limited period of time. She is board certified by The Florida Bar as a wills, trusts and estates attorney and practices in the areas of estate and trust administration, and estate and gift taxation. She previously served as a U.S. Marine Corps Judge Advocate from 1998 to 2006. She is currently a director on the board of the Sarasota County Bar Association and has served on various committees of both The Florida Bar and the Sarasota County Bar Association.

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

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Photos attached – Matthew B. Mayer and J. Allison Archbold