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Ferguson Skipper Tax Department Attorneys Named To 2017 *Best Lawyers In America*® List

SARASOTA, FL (August 2016): James O. Ferguson, Jr., J. Ronald Skipper, Richard R. Gans, Matthew B. Mayper and J. Allison Archbold, shareholders in the law firm of Ferguson, Skipper, Shaw, Keyser, Baron & Tirabassi, P.A., have been selected by their peers for inclusion in the 2017 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®, the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession. Ferguson was recognized for Tax Law and for Trusts and Estates Law. Skipper, Gans and Archbold were recognized for Trusts and Estates Law, and Mayper for Tax Law.

“This recognition is truly an honor for our firm. We are extremely pleased that all five shareholders in our Tax Department have been named to the 2017 *Best Lawyers in America* list, because it is an indicator of the expertise, professionalism and service excellence we provide for our clients,” stated Ferguson.

Since it was first published in 1983, *Best Lawyers*® has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. For the 2017 Edition of *Best Lawyers in America* list, 7.3 million votes were analyzed, which resulted in almost 55,000 leading lawyers being included in the new edition. Lawyers are not required or allowed to pay a fee to be listed; therefore inclusion in *Best Lawyers* is considered an esteemed honor. *Corporate Counsel* magazine has called *Best Lawyers* “the most respected referral list of attorneys in practice.”

All five attorneys are board certified by The Florida Bar and have obtained AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Ratings from the attorney rating site Martindale-Hubbell, which is the highest rating available for an attorney’s legal ability and professional ethics. They are members of numerous professional associations and have served on the boards of many local non-profit organizations.

About Ferguson, Skipper, Shaw, Keyser, Baron & Tirabassi, P.A.

Ferguson, 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, guardianships, 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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Photos attached – James O. Ferguson, Jr., J. Ronald Skipper, Richard R. Gans, Matthew B. Mayper and J. Allison Archbold