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## Ferguson Skipper Tax Department Attorneys Named To 2018 *Best Lawyers In America*® List

**SARASOTA, FL (August 2017):** 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, P.A., have been selected by their peers for inclusion in the 2018 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®, the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession.

This is the second consecutive year that all five shareholders in the firm's Tax Department have been named to the *Best Lawyers in America* list. Ferguson was recognized for Tax Law, Trusts and Estates Law, and for Business Organization, which includes LLCs and partnerships. Gans was recognized for Trusts and Estates Law and for Business Organization. Skipper and Archbold were recognized for Trusts and Estates Law, and Mayper for Tax Law. Gans was also named *Best Lawyers*® 2018 "Lawyer of the Year" for Trusts and Estates Law in the Sarasota metro area, which includes Bradenton and Lakewood Ranch.

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.

Since it was first published in 1983, *Best Lawyers*® has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. For the 2018 Edition of *Best Lawyers in America* list, 7.4 million votes were analyzed and 58,000 leading attorneys were recognized in 140 practice areas. 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."

### **About Ferguson Skipper, P.A.**

Ferguson Skipper, P.A., has provided legal support to clients for over 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 shareholders 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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