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## **Ferguson Skipper, P.A. Named to the 2018 “Best Law Firms” List by *U.S. News-Best Lawyers*®**

### ***Firm Achieves Two Tier 1 Rankings in Sarasota Metro Area***

**SARASOTA, FL (November 2017):** The law firm of Ferguson, Skipper, P.A., is pleased to announce it has been named to the 2018 “Best Law Firms” list by *U.S. News & World Report* and *Best Lawyers*®. The firm was ranked in Tier 1 for Trusts and Estates Law and Tier 1 for Tax Law in the Sarasota Metro area. Ranked firms, presented in tiers, are listed on a national and/or metropolitan scale. Receiving a tier designation is based on a rigorous evaluation process that includes the collection of client and lawyer evaluations, peer review from leading attorneys in their field, and review of additional information provided by law firms as part of the formal submission process.

To be eligible for a ranking a law firm must have at least one attorney included on *The Best Lawyers In America*© list. For the second consecutive year all shareholders in the firm’s Tax Department were selected by their peers for inclusion in the 2018 edition of *The Best Lawyers In America*. James O. Ferguson, Jr., was recognized for Tax Law, Trusts and Estates Law, and Business Organization. J. Ronald Skipper was recognized for Trusts and Estates Law. Richard R. Gans was recognized for Trusts and Estates Law and Business Organization, and Matthew B. Mayper for Tax Law. In addition to being included on the 2018 *The Best Lawyers In America*© list, Gans was also named *Best Lawyers*® “Lawyer of the Year” for Trusts and Estates Law in the Sarasota Metro area. All four attorneys are board certified by The Florida Bar and each holds an AV® Preeminent™ 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 2018 “Best Law Firms” list is published on the *U.S. News & World Report*’s website at <http://bestlawfirms.usnews.com>.

### **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 nine 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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