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**SHATZ, SCHWARTZ AND FENTIN, P.C. ATTORNEY CAROL CIOE KLYMAN SELECTED TO 2014 MASSACHUSETTS
SUPER LAWYERS LIST**

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. – Local law firm, [Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C.](#), serving Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York, today announced that Partner Carol Cioe Klyman has been selected to the 2014 Massachusetts Super Lawyers list in the field of elder law. Each year, no more than 5 percent of the lawyers in the state are selected by the research team at Super Lawyers to receive this honor. Now in its 11th year of publication, the Super Lawyers list recognizes attorneys who have distinguished themselves in their legal practice through a rigorous selection process and third-party validation of their professional accomplishments.

Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters business, is a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The annual selections are made using a patented multiphase process that includes a statewide survey of lawyers, an independent research evaluation of candidates and peer reviews by practice area. The result is a credible, comprehensive and diverse listing of exceptional attorneys that can be used as a resource to assist attorneys and sophisticated consumers in the search for legal counsel.

Shareholder Carol Cioe Klyman, a resident of Westhampton, concentrates her practice in the areas of elder law, estate planning, special needs trust planning, estate settlement, guardianships, trust and estates litigation, and MassHealth appeals. She is versed in all aspects of estate administration, including representation in the probate courts, preparation of estate tax and gift tax returns, and Internal Revenue Service estate and gift tax audits. Her work with individuals with disabilities includes collaborating with professional advisors such as accountants and other attorneys to craft estate plans targeted to the client's specific needs as well as with personal injury attorneys to structure plans for settlement proceeds and jury awards. Attorney Klyman graduated magna cum laude from Western New England College School of Law (1996) and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from the University of Rhode Island (1975). She was elected a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estates Council (2010) and has been recognized as a leader in the law by selection to the Super Lawyers list (2005-2015), Top Women Attorneys (2005-2015) and Best Lawyers® in America list (2006-2015).

She maintains active memberships in several organizations in addition to the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, where she serves on the Elder Law and Probate Litigation Committees. She is vice chair of the Advocacy and Litigation Steering Committee and a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys; past president and board member of the Estate Planning Council of Hampden County; a member of the Hampshire County, Hampden County, and Massachusetts Bar Associations; and in the community she is treasurer and board member of the Hilltown Land Trust and a member of the Friends of Westhampton Memorial Library.

Committed to the development of her profession, Attorney Klyman serves on the editorial board of the NAELA Journal, is co-author of several chapters on tax issues in the premier elder law treatise, "Estate Planning for the Aging and Incapacitated Client in Massachusetts" and is co-editor of the "Massachusetts Elder Law Cimator," both published by Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, Inc. She writes frequently on elder law, long term care financing, estate and special needs planning, charitable planning, and trust and estate

litigation and is a frequent lecturer on these topics before professional and civic groups. She also taught as an adjunct professor of elder law in the Western New England University School of Law master of laws degree program.

The Super Lawyers lists are published nationwide in Super Lawyers Magazines and in leading city and regional magazines and newspapers across the country. Super Lawyers Magazines also feature editorial profiles of attorneys who embody excellence in the practice of law. For more information about Super Lawyers, visit SuperLawyers.com.

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