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**ATTORNEY STEVEN SCHWARTZ, AWARDED AS DISTINGUISHED ADVISOR IN PHILANTHROPY**

*The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts Makes \$1,000 Grant to the Children's Study Home*

**SPRINGFIELD, Mass.** – Local law firm, [Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C.](#), serving Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York, today announced Attorney Steven Schwartz is the recipient of the Distinguished Advisor in Philanthropy Award and has chosen the Children's Study Home to receive a \$1,000 grant. The award is presented annually by the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts.

Founding Attorney Steven J. Schwartz, a resident of Monterey, concentrates his practice in the areas of family business planning, mergers and acquisitions, corporate law and estate planning. His practice involves representation of principals in family business planning (including exit planning for business owners), representation of individuals and corporations in the purchase and sale of business enterprises, strategic planning for the future of clients' businesses and providing advice as to alternatives in financing through loans and venture capital. Attorney Schwartz is a graduate of the Boston University School of Law (1966) and Babson College (1963). He is regularly selected to both the Super Lawyers and Best Lawyers® in America lists and is known throughout the region for his legal excellence.

Attorney Schwartz is a member of the Hampden County, Massachusetts and New York State Bar Associations. He is also a member of several civic and community organizations including: the William J. Gould Associates, Inc. residential therapeutic community; Pioneer Valley Council Boy Scouts of America; Berkshire Hatchery Foundation; Attorneys for Family-Held Enterprises; and Family Firm Institute. Attorney Schwartz previously served as a member of several civic and community organizations including: Springfield Technical Community College, major gifts campaign, steering committee; World Affairs Council, Inc.; Parents Fund, Rhode Island School of Design (of which he is also a founder); Institutional Advancement Committee, Rhode Island School of Design; Western New England Enterprise Forum (of which he is also a co-founder); Springfield Tax Club; Urban League; Jewish Community Center; and South End Community Center.

"I am deeply humbled to have been selected for this award," said Steven Schwartz. "The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts has continued to devote itself to promote charities and nonprofits and has enhanced the quality of life for many people in our region."

Founded in 1991, the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts administers a charitable endowment consisting of nearly 600 separately identified funds serving Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin counties. The foundation, in partnership with the Estate Planning Council of Hampden County and the Pioneer Valley Estate Planning Council, sponsors the Pioneer Valley Distinguished Advisor in Philanthropy award to honor professional advisors who commit themselves to humanitarian endeavors in the region. This year's recipient is Attorney Steven Schwartz, of Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C.

Each year the recipient of the Distinguished Advisor in Philanthropy Award has the opportunity to recommend a Hampden, Hampshire or Franklin County charity of their choice to receive a \$1,000 grant. This year, award winner, Attorney Steven Schwartz has decided to recommend the grant be made to the Children's Study Home in recognition of their 150 anniversary.

***About Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C.***

*Established in 1969, Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C. specializes in business law, estate planning, commercial and tax-exempt bond financing, real estate law, litigation and bankruptcy. The firm's clients range from closely-held family enterprises to multinational companies with operations in western New England and eastern New York State. The attorneys at Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin provide efficient, cost-effective counseling and advocacy services which frequently involve the use of innovative techniques. The firm, which consists of 13 attorneys, has offices in Springfield and Northampton, Mass., and Albany, N.Y. Additional information about Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin can be found on its website, [ssfpc.com](http://ssfpc.com).*

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