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**Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C. attorney to speak to Judicial Youth Corps on June 29**

Attorney Michael A. Fenton will talk to urban high school students about what it's like to be a young lawyer

**SPRINGFIELD, Mass.** – Local law firm, [Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C.](#), serving Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York, today announced that Attorney Michael A. Fenton will speak to students enrolled in the Springfield Judicial Youth Corps Program during a class session on Thursday, June 29. The program—developed through a partnership with the Supreme Judicial Court (SJC), the Massachusetts Bar Association (MBA) and Western New England University School of Law—offers high school students from urban communities the opportunity to learn about the court system and the law.

“As a lawyer and an alum, I applaud Western New England University for providing this innovative program for high school students in Springfield. The Judicial Youth Corps provides valuable, first-hand experience to students interested in learning about the legal system through both classroom instruction and discussion and interaction with local judges and lawyers,” said Attorney Fenton, a 2012 graduate of Western New England University School of Law.

Fenton was also a speaker for the program in 2015. “I am honored to again be among the individuals chosen to speak to the Judicial Youth Corps students this summer,” he said. “I hope to inspire those students who are considering the law as a potential career path.”

Initiated in 1991 in Boston by Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Paul J. Liacos with the help of Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Roderick L. Ireland, the Judicial Youth Corps program affords high school students the opportunity to learn more about the rule of law and the judicial branch through interactions with judges, clerks, lawyers and court staff who mentor them throughout the summer. The MBA partnered with the SJC to expand the program to the city of Worcester in 2007, and to Springfield in 2014. Western New England University is an active partner in organizing the western Massachusetts program.

High school students are selected from a large pool of applicants to participate in the program. From May to June, they attend weekly educational sessions where they learn about criminal and civil law and the role of courts in democracy. In July and August, they will work in paid internships in the courts or in court-related offices. As part of the comprehensive educational program, participants will take field trips to local police stations, jails and law firms.

Attorney Michael A. Fenton, a resident of Springfield, concentrates his practice in the areas of business planning, commercial real estate, estate planning and elder law. He is a graduate of the Western New England University School of Law (Juris Doctorate, 2012), Western New England University School of Business (Masters in Business Administration, 2011) and Providence College, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with cum laude honors (2009). Attorney Fenton is well-recognized as an emerging leader of the law, as is evidenced by his selection to be a Super Lawyers Rising Star (2014-2016), a Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly Top 25 Up and Coming Attorney (2014), and a *BusinessWest* 40 Under Forty award recipient (class of 2012).

Attorney Fenton is a member of the Hampden County, Massachusetts, Connecticut and American Bar Associations. In addition to his legal profession, Attorney Fenton is also a member of several community and civic organizations, including: ROCA, Inc., Suit Up Springfield and the Mason Wright Foundation. His commentary is often requested for thought leadership, including recent presentations to the Hampden County Bar Association and the Community Progress Leadership Institute at Harvard Law School.

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