

Counsellors at Law

ATTORNEY MICHELE J. FEINSTEIN SELECTED TO SUPER LAWYERS 2014 TOP WOMEN ATTORNEYS IN MASSACHUSETTS LIST

Prestigious publication honors professional achievement by distinguished female leaders of the law

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. – Local law firm Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C., serving Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York, today announced Attorney Michele J. Feinstein has been selected to the Super Lawyers Top Women Attorneys in Massachusetts list. Women attorneys on the top list have been selected to the 2014 Massachusetts Super Lawyers list and ranked top of the list in the Super Lawyers selection process.

Attorney Feinstein has received many professional recognitions, including repeated selection to the Super Lawyers of Massachusetts, Best Lawyers® in America and Top Women Attorneys in New England. Additionally, she was named a Top Women of Law by *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* (2014) – the only attorney in the western Massachusetts region to be so honored. Among her professional affiliations, she is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys where she recently co-authored a scholarly article in the *NAELA Journal*, the law journal of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. Attorney Feinstein regularly lectures to professional and civic groups, and is a Senior Adjunct Professor of Law at Western New England University School of Law .

Super Lawyers 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 selection process includes independent research, peer nominations and peer evaluations. *Super Lawyers Magazine* features the list and profiles of selected attorneys and is distributed to attorneys in the state or region and the ABA-accredited law school libraries. Super Lawyers is also published as a special section in leading city and regional magazines across the country – including the April 2015 edition of *Boston Magazine*.

"Beginning your search for legal counsel is no small feat; knowing where to start, researching attorneys and finally selecting one you feel comfortable with can be overwhelming tasks," said Super Lawyers Director of Research, Julie Gleason. "All of the women lawyers in this special section have been named to a 2014 Massachusetts Super Lawyers or Rising Stars list. In creating our lists, Super Lawyers performs the type of due diligence that a highly motivated and informed consumer would undertake if he or she had the time, energy and resources – the very things that are in short supply in most people's lives."

Attorney Michele J. Feinstein, a shareholder in Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C., and lifelong resident of Longmeadow, concentrates her practice in the areas of estate planning and administration, elder law, probate litigation, health law, corporate and business planning, including all aspects of planning of the succession of physicians in their individual and group practices. She is a cum laude graduate of the Western New England University School of Law where she was a member of the Law Review (1984) and Boston University, where she first earned her Bachelor of Science summa cum laude (1981) and later a Master of Laws in taxation (1990). She was named a Top Women of Law by *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* (2014) – the only attorney in the western Massachusetts region to be so honored.

Attorney Feinstein maintains active memberships in the Hampden County, Massachusetts and American Bar Associations, American Health Lawyers Association and National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. She serves on numerous professional advisory committees, including: the Investment Committee of the Jewish Endowment Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Greater Springfield; the Professional Advisory Committee of Baystate Medical Center; Western New England University; and Jewish Geriatric Services, Inc.

Additionally, she is a valuable community resource for legal expertise and regularly lectures throughout the Pioneer Valley for organizations including the Massachusetts Bar Association, Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, and numerous other civic and professional associations on business, health law and estate planning topics. She also is a Senior Adjunct Professor of Law at Western New England University, where she teaches in the postdoctoral Estate Planning and Elder Law LLM program.