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ATTORNEY MICHELE J. FEINSTEIN RECOGNIZED AS TOP WOMAN OF LAW

Feinstein, of Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C., was chosen as the only attorney from western Massachusetts in the Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly award program

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. – Local law firm, [Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C.](#), today announced that Partner Michele J. Feinstein will be awarded with the distinction of Top Women of Law, the only attorney from western Massachusetts to be included on a prestigious list of elite, female legal professionals by *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* at a dinner planned for October 23, 2014 at the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston. The Top Women of Law program celebrates outstanding achievements made by exceptional women. Each year, the publication honors women who have made tremendous professional strides and demonstrated great accomplishments in the legal field. The awards highlight 54 women who are pioneers, educators, trailblazers and role models.

A shareholder at Springfield-based Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C., Attorney Feinstein is deserving of the Top Women of Law award because she has demonstrated outstanding leadership in educating up-and-coming attorneys in addition to her professional responsibilities.

Attorney Feinstein is a lifelong resident of Longmeadow, and concentrates her practice in the areas of estate planning and administration, elder law, probate litigation, health law and corporate and business planning, including all aspects of planning for the succession of business interests, representation of closely held businesses and their owners and representation of physicians in their individual and group practices. She is a senior adjunct professor of law at Western New England University School of Law, where she teaches in the estate planning and elder law program. Attorney Feinstein is a member of the Hampden County, Massachusetts and American Bar Associations, American Health Lawyers Association and National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. She is a frequent lecturer for Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education and the Massachusetts Bar Association regarding estate planning, estate administration and elder law topics and has also been repeatedly selected to the Super Lawyers list by Thomson Reuters and the registry for Best Lawyers in America[®].

A keynote address will be delivered by Justice Judith A. Cowin, who served on the Supreme Judicial Court for nearly 12 years before retiring in April of 2011. In 1991, she was named to the Superior Court, where she served for eight years before being appointed to the Supreme Judicial Court by then-Gov. A. Paul Cellucci. Cowin now works as a consultant among other roles helping to prepare lawyers appearing before the Supreme Judicial Court and Appeal Court by conducting moot court sessions.

Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly newspaper was founded in 1972 and reports decisions issued by all the state and federal courts in Massachusetts as well as changes to court rules, verdict and settlement reports, bar-discipline notices and all other news vital to attorneys in the commonwealth. In addition to reporting all decisions issued by the Supreme Judicial Court, the Massachusetts Appeal Court and the First U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* also covers hundreds of rulings from state and federal trial courts in Massachusetts and state agencies like the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination.

A complete list of the *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* Top Women of Law can be found online, <http://masslawyersweekly.com/top-women-of-law/2014-honorees/>.

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.

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