

STEVEN J. SCHWARTZ SELECTED FOR INCLUSION IN *THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA*® 2016

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. – Local law firm, [Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C.](#), serving Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York, today announced Shareholder Steven J. Schwartz was recently selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2016 in the fields of Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Closely Held Companies and Family Business Law as well as Corporate Law.

Since it was first published in 1983, *Best Lawyers*® has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. *Best Lawyers* is based on an exhaustive peer-review survey. Over 79,000 leading attorneys are eligible to vote and more than 6.2 million votes have been received to date on the legal abilities of lawyers in their practice areas. Lawyers are not required or allowed to pay a fee to be listed; therefore inclusion in *Best Lawyers* is considered a singular honor. Corporate Counsel magazine has called *Best Lawyers* “the most respected referral list of attorneys in practice.”

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). Regularly selected to both the Super Lawyers and *Best Lawyers in America* lists, he is known as a veteran and leader of the law.

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; and Attorneys for Family-Held Enterprises. 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 is also a co-founder); Springfield Tax Club; Urban League; Jewish Community Center; and South End Community Center.

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.