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James B. Sheils earns 2019 Best Lawyers® distinction

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. – Local law firm, [Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C.](#), serving Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York, today announced Shareholder James B. Sheils was recently selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2019 in the field of Commercial Transactions and Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) Law.

Attorney Sheils, a resident of Dennis, concentrates his practice in the areas of commercial finance law, creditors' rights, banking law and telecommunications siting matters. He is a graduate of the Boston College Law School (1975) where he was the recipient of the John F. Cremens Award for legal services work. Attorney Sheils also attended the College of the Holy Cross, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts and cum laude honors (1972). He has been awarded by the Goodwill Industries of the Pioneer Valley – John Auchter Award (2012) and selected to *The Best Lawyers in America* list for the last four years.

Attorney Sheils has been active in the East Longmeadow community in many capacities, serving as the town moderator of East Longmeadow for more than 10 years. He also maintains many active organization memberships and has been a partner of the firm since 1985.

Best Lawyers is the oldest and most respected peer review publication in the legal profession. Best Lawyers peer-reviewed listings are published in almost 75 countries around the world. The 2018 edition includes 58,507 attorneys in 145 practice areas, covering all 50 states and the District of Columbia, and inclusion in this year's publication is based on more than 7.4 million detailed evaluations of lawyers by other lawyers. *Corporate Counsel* magazine has called *Best Lawyers* "the most respected referral list of attorneys in practice."

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