

## SHATZ, SCHWARTZ AND FENTIN, P.C. ATTORNEY MICHELE J. FEINSTEIN SELECTED TO 2014 MASSACHUSETTS SUPER LAWYERS LIST

**SPRINGFIELD, Mass.** – Local law firm, <u>Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C.</u>, serving Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York, today announced that Partner Michele J. Feinstein has been selected to the 2014 Massachusetts Super Lawyers list in the field of closely held business. Each year, no more than 5 percent of the lawyers in the state are selected by the research team at Super Lawyers to receive this honor. Now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year of publication, the Super Lawyers list recognizes attorneys who have distinguished themselves in their legal practice through a rigorous selection process and third-party validation of their professional accomplishments.

Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters business, 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 annual selections are made using a patented multiphase process that includes a statewide survey of lawyers, an independent research evaluation of candidates and peer reviews by practice area. The result is a credible, comprehensive and diverse listing of exceptional attorneys that can be used as a resource to assist attorneys and sophisticated consumers in the search for legal counsel.

Attorney Michele J. Feinstein, a shareholder in Shatz, Schwartz & 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 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 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). Attorney Feinstein has received many professional recognitions, including repeated selection to the Super Lawyers of Massachusetts, Best Lawyers<sup>®</sup> 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.

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.

The Super Lawyers lists are published nationwide in Super Lawyers Magazines and in leading city and regional magazines and newspapers across the country. Super Lawyers Magazines also feature editorial profiles of attorneys who embody excellence in the practice of law. For more information about Super Lawyers, visit <u>SuperLawyers.com</u>.

## 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, <u>ssfpc.com</u>.