

JAMES B. SHEILS SELECTED TO THE 2016 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 Shareholder James B. Sheils was selected to the 2016 Massachusetts Super Lawyers list in the field of banking law.

Attorney Sheils, a resident of East Longmeadow, 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).

Attorney Sheils has been active in the East Longmeadow community serving the town in many roles, 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.

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.

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Established in 1969, Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C. specializes in business law, estate planning, commercial and taxexempt 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>.