

## Attorney James B. Sheils Receives Top Honors In National Publication

Sheils, of Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C., makes 2015 Best Lawyers in America list

**SPRINGFIELD, Mass.** – Local law firm, <u>Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C.</u>, serving Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York, today announced that Partner James B. Sheils has been selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*<sup>©</sup> 2015 in the fields of commercial transactions/UCC law.

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"Best Lawyers is the most reliable reference for quality legal representation," said President and Co-Founder Steven Naifeh. "Inclusion on this list indicates that an attorney is valued by his or her peers for professional success."

Sheils, who also serves as town moderator of East Longmeadow, concentrates his practice in the areas of commercial finance law, creditors' rights, banking law and telecommunications siting matters.

"While most attorneys do not enter the law profession with the intention of receiving recognition, it is nevertheless a privilege to be counted among *The Best Lawyers in America*," said Sheils. "I am grateful for the recognition bestowed upon me by my peers."

Selection to *Best Lawyers* — which has been published annually since 1983 — is based on a rigorous national survey involving more than 5.5 million detailed, confidential evaluations by lawyers of other lawyers in their respective practice areas.

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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, <a href="ssfpc.com">ssfpc.com</a>.

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