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SFGH Celebrates Attorneys Recognized in *Super Lawyers*®, *Leading Lawyers*SM, *Lawyers of Distinction*, *Premier Tax Lawyers*, *Martindale-Hubbell*®, & *AVVO*

CHICAGO, IL (February 9, 2023) – Sugar Felsenthal Grais & Helsinger, LLP (“*SFGH*”) is pleased to announce that more than 70% of the firm’s attorneys have been acknowledged this year (as in past years) by trusted attorney rating services for their deep experience and talent. None of these certifications have been (or can be) purchased or are the results of solicitations by the firm. Rather, the attorneys so honored are selected by their peers in the profession.

These include, among others, *Avvo*’s “Superb” rating, *Martindale-Hubbell*’s “AV Preeminent®” rating, *Lawyers of Distinction*, and *Premier Tax Lawyer*.

The “AV Preeminent®” rating represents the pinnacle of professional excellence in both legal ability and ethical standards and is earned through a strenuous peer review rating process that is managed and monitored by *Martindale-Hubbell*. The “AV Preeminent®” rating is awarded to only 14% of attorneys nationwide.

Many of the attorneys at SFGH are recognized in this year’s Illinois *Super Lawyers*.

To be selected as a *Super Lawyer*, a distinction reserved for only 5% of Illinois attorneys, attorneys partake in a wide-ranging nomination process. They are evaluated on 12 indicators of peer recognition and professional achievement including transactions, settlements, verdicts, overall experience, representative clients, and publications, among others. Attorneys deemed *Super Lawyers* were identified by their peers as “[t]he best lawyers they had personally observed in action.”

Leading Lawyer has selected SFGH attorneys for inclusion in its 2023 *Leading Lawyers* list. These designations, conferred upon the most respected legal practitioners in Illinois, are based upon peer recognition and professional achievement. No more than 5% of all lawyers licensed in Illinois receive the distinction of *Leading Lawyer*.

This chart summarizes some of our attorneys’ most recent 2023 ratings:

Attorneys with Top Ratings	
<u>Martindale-Hubbell:</u> AV Preeminent®	Douglas J. Antonio, Steven A. Felsenthal, Ronald B. Grais, Howard M. Helsinger, Christopher J. Horvay, Michelle M. Huhnke, Mark S. Melickian, Norman B. Newman, Matthew B. Schiff, and Richard A. Sugar

AVVO : Superb Rating (9/10 to 10/10)	Douglas J. Antonio, Christopher J. Horvay, and Matthew B. Schiff
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2023 Super Lawyers®

<u>Attorney</u>	<u>Practice Area</u>
Steven A. Felsenthal	Estate Planning & Probate, Tax: Business, and Business & Corporate
Howard M. Helsinger	Estate Planning & Probate and Estate & Trust Litigation
Christopher J. Horvay	Creditor Debtor Rights and Business Litigation
Mark S. Melickian	Bankruptcy, Business & Corporate, and Business Litigation
Matthew B. Schiff	Employment & Labor, Business Litigation, and Workers' Compensation
Richard A. Sugar	Estate Planning & Probate, Business & Corporate, and Closely Held Business

2023 Leading Lawyers SM

<u>Attorney</u>	<u>Practice Area</u>
Douglas J. Antonio	Public Finance Law, Real Estate Law: Commercial, Real Estate Law: Finance, Real Estate Law: Tax, and Tax Law: Business
Steven A. Felsenthal	Closely & Privately Held Business Law, Real Estate Law: Finance, Tax Law: Business, Tax Law: Individual, and Trust, Will & Estate Planning Law
Ronald B. Grais	Land Use, Zoning & Condemnation Law, Real Estate Law: Commercial, and Real Estate Law: Finance
Christopher J. Horvay	Bankruptcy & Workout Law: Commercial
Michelle Huhnke	Trust, Will & Estate Planning Law
John C. Martin	Commercial Litigation
William F. McGuinn	Closely & Privately Held Business Law, Real Estate Law: Associations & Condominiums, Real Estate Law: Commercial, and Real Estate Law: Finance
Mark S. Melickian	Bankruptcy & Workout Law: Commercial
Ira S. Neiman	Tax Law: Individual and Trust, Will & Estate Planning Law
Norman B. Newman	Bankruptcy & Workout Law: Commercial and Creditor's Rights/Commercial Collections Law

Matthew B. Schiff	Employment Law: Management and Workers' Compensation Defense Law
Richard A. Sugar	Closely & Privately Held Business Law, Tax Law: Business, Tax Law: Individual, and Trust, Will & Estate Planning Law

Lawyers of Distinction

<u>Attorney</u>	<u>Practice Area</u>
Steven A. Felsenthal	Tax Law

Premier Tax Lawyer

<u>Attorney</u>	<u>Practice Area</u>
Steven A. Felsenthal	Tax Law

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Founded over 41 years ago, SFGH is a full-service business law boutique that focuses on personal attention to a very special clientele. With offices in Chicago and New York, our attorneys assist our clients with the following sorts of matters: business transactions; commercial and probate litigation; labor & employment; wealth preservation and succession planning; federal income tax planning & litigation; real estate & community development; and bankruptcy, reorganization and creditors' rights.

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