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SFGH Celebrates Attorneys Recognized in *Super Lawyers*®, *Rising Stars*, *Leading Lawyers*™, *Emerging Lawyers*, *Lawyers of Distinction*, *Premier Tax Lawyers*, *Martindale-Hubbell*®, *AVVO* & *Justia*

CHICAGO, IL (March 10, 2022) – Sugar Felsenthal Grais & Helsinger, LLP (“*SFGH*”) is pleased to announce that more than half of the firm’s attorneys have been acknowledged this year (as in every year) 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.

These include, among others, *Avvo*’s “Superb” rating, *Justia*’s highest 10/10 rating, and *Martindale-Hubbell*’s “AV Preeminent®” rating.

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.

Nearly half of SFGH attorneys are recognized in this year’s Illinois *Super Lawyers*, including three *Rising Stars*.

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.” *Rising Star* status is earned by up-and-coming attorneys who are no older than 40 or have been in practice for 10 or fewer years. Only 2.5% of attorneys in Illinois are given this distinction.

Leading Lawyer has selected 13 SFGH attorneys for inclusion in its 2022 *Leading Lawyers* list, including 2 *Emerging Lawyers*. 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*, and no more than 2.5% of attorneys receive the *Emerging Lawyers* designation. Lawyers included in the *Emerging Lawyers* list are age 40 or younger, unless they have practiced for no more than 10 years.

This chart summarizes some of our attorneys’ most recent 2022 ratings:

Attorneys with Top Ratings	
Martindale-Hubbel: AV Preeminent®	Douglas J. Antonio, Michael Brandess, Navroz J. Daroga, Steven A. Felsenthal, Jonathan P. Friedland, Ronald R. 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, Etahn M. Cohen, Jonathan P. Friedland, Christopher J. Horvay, and Matthew B. Schiff
Justia: 10/10 Rating	Jonathan P. Friedland

2022 Super Lawyers®	
<u>Attorney</u>	<u>Practice Area</u>
Steven A. Felsenthal	Estate Planning & Probate, Tax: Business, and Business/Corporate
Jonathan P. Friedland	Business / Corporate, Mergers & Acquisitions, Bankruptcy: Business, Closely Held Business, Business Litigation, and Gaming
Howard M. Helsinger	Estate Planning & Probate and Estate & Trust Litigation
Christopher J. Horvay	Creditor Debtor Rights: Business and Business Litigation
Mark S. Melickian	Bankruptcy: Business, Business/Corporate, and Business Litigation
Matthew B. Schiff	Employment & Labor: Employer, Business Litigation, and Workers' Compensation: Employer/Insurance
Richard A. Sugar	Estate Planning & Probate, Business/Corporate, Closely Held Business, Mergers & Acquisitions, and Tax: Business

2022 Leading LawyersSM	
<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
Jonathan P. Friedland	Bankruptcy & Workout Law: Commercial and Creditor's Rights/Commercial Collections 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

John C. Martin	Commercial Litigation
Mark S. Melickian	Bankruptcy & Workout Law: Commercial
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
Jeffrey D. Shelley	Tax Law: Individual and Trust, Will & Estate Planning Law
Richard A. Sugar	Closely & Privately Held Business Law, Tax Law: Business, Tax Law: Individual, and Trust, Will & Estate Planning Law

2022 Rising Stars

<u>Attorney</u>	<u>Practice Area</u>
Michael Brandess	Business/Corporate, Bankruptcy: Business, Creditor Debtor Rights: Business
Jack O'Connor	Bankruptcy: Business, Business/Corporate, Business Litigation
Joelle M. Shabat	Civil Litigation: Defense, General Litigation, Business Litigation

2022 Emerging Lawyers SM

<u>Attorney</u>	<u>Practice Area</u>
Michael Brandess	Bankruptcy & Workout Law: Commercial and Creditor's Rights/Commercial Collections Law
Joelle M. Shabat	Civil Litigation, General Litigation and Business Litigation

Lawyers of Distinction

<u>Attorney</u>	<u>Practice Area</u>
Etahn M. Cohen	Business & Finance
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 nearly 40 years ago, Sugar Felsenthal is a full-service business law boutique that focuses on providing bespoke, personal attention to a very special clientele. With offices in Chicago, New York, and Milwaukee, our attorneys assist our clients with the following sorts of matters: commercial transactions, corporate (including general corporate, corporate finance, corporate securities, and corporate transactions), commercial real estate, commercial dispute resolution including litigation, litigation finance, tax, labor and employment, and estate and asset protection planning.

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