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**Julie I. Fershtman**, a Shareholder with Foster Swift in its Farmington Hills, Michigan, office, practices in the areas of Insurance Defense, Insurance Coverage, Commercial Litigation, Sporting and Recreational Liability, and Equine Law. She has successfully tried cases before juries in 4 states and has been admitted as *pro hac vice* counsel in state and federal courts in 12 jurisdictions.

Her professional distinctions include being named a "2010 Leader in the Law" by *Michigan Lawyer's Weekly* and a "Michigan Super Lawyer<sup>®</sup>" in 2008, 2009, and 2010 by *Law & Politics Magazine*. *Crain's Detroit Business* named her a "Woman to Watch" in 2010 and one of the "Most Influential Women" in the Michigan business community in 2007. It also honored her as one of "40 Outstanding Business Leaders Under 40" in 1996. In addition, in 1995 the *ABA Barrister Magazine* profiled her as one of "21 Young Lawyers Leading Us into the 21st Century."

She is President-Elect of the 41,000-member State Bar of Michigan and will become its President in September 2011. Active in the American Bar Association, she is a member of the ABA House of Delegates and a Vice-Chair of the Animal Law committee of the ABA Tort, Trial & Insurance Practice Section. She is a Fellow of the American, Michigan, and Oakland County Bar Foundations.

A frequent writer, she has authored 2 books [*Equine Law & Horse Sense*; *MORE Equine Law & Horse Sense*] and co-authored or contributed to 4 books published by the American Bar Association [*Marketing Success Stories*, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> editions; *Litigating Animal Law Disputes: A Complete Guide for Lawyers*; and *The Road to Independence: 101 Women's Journeys to Starting Their Own Law Firms* (publication expected Summer 2011)]. In addition, she has written over 200 published articles. A frequent speaker, she has lectured at conferences in 27 states.

She graduated from Emory College in 1983 and Emory Law School in 1986.