Whereas, Leonard Schaitman began working with the Freedom of Information Act more than forty-five years ago, when the law was first enacted.

Whereas, as the principal litigation representative on the Department of Justice’s Freedom of Information Committee during the Act’s formative years, he helped change the culture of federal agencies by forcefully promoting its proper governmentwide administration.

Whereas, in 1973 he became the principal supervisor of government FOIA litigation at the appellate level and has since had an unparalleled career shaping the development of the law through both FOIA and “reverse FOIA” litigation.

Whereas, in so doing he has uniquely and positively influenced the development of the FOIA throughout its existence, from its earliest years to the present day.

Therefore, Leonard Schaitman is singularly deserving of this recognition as recipient of the 2013 Robert Vaughn FOIA Legend Award.

It is hereby declared under penalty of perjury, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, that the foregoing is true and correct.

March 18, 2013