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CATHERINE MICHAEL RECIEVES THE HONORABLE VIOLA J. TALIAFERRO AWARD

On October 14, 2010, Catherine Michael, attorney at Hollingsworth & Zivitz, PC, will be presented with the Indiana State Bar Association's Honorable Viola J. Taliaferro Award. The Indiana Bar Association's Civil Rights of Child Committee selected Catherine to receive this year's award for her work on behalf of children. For additional information on Catherine Michael please visit her bio at <http://www.hzlegal.com/our-team/Catherine-M-Michael/>.

The award honors an individual who exemplifies Judge Taliaferro's leadership in addressing the unmet legal needs of children and in raising the public's awareness of these needs. Judge Taliaferro began her career as a social worker and teacher, and later became judge of the Monroe County Circuit Court. Judge Taliaferro has a national reputation as a child advocate through her commitment to children in the legal system, her service on numerous advisory boards, and by the many awards she has received during her career.

In her practice, Catherine exclusively represents children and their families in educational, civil rights, ADA, and personal injury actions. At Hollingsworth & Zivitz, PC, Catherine chairs the Education and Juvenile Law Team. Catherine has extensive experience with special education, due process and section 504 hearings under state and federal law, personal injury actions involving children, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other civil rights matters.

Catherine is a nationwide author and speaker, conducting numerous presentations and training programs for parents, schools, and education organizations across the nation. Catherine is an adjunct professor for the Nova Southeastern School of Law in Florida, where she works in the Education Law Masters Program. Catherine also helped develop and now teaches the Parent Advocate Training and Certification Program for the Autism Education and Training Center, Inc. located in Carmel, Indiana.

Hollingsworth & Zivitz, PC is a full-service family law team, offering a compassionate and resolution focused approach to all divorce and family law issues, combining effective client advocacy with patience, empathy and understanding.

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