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Jay B. Shapiro Elected Chairman of Board of Directors of Voices for Children Foundation

MIAMI, FL — June 9, 2016 — Stearns Weaver Miller announced today that Jay B. Shapiro, a director, litigation shareholder and member of the firm's executive committee, was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of Voices for Children Foundation.

As Chairman, Jay will guide Voices for Children in its mission to have a Guardian ad Litem appointed to represent every abused, abandoned, or neglected child in dependency court proceedings in Miami-Dade County, and to provide financial assistance and other resources for the health, educational, and social needs of these children. Guardians ad Litem are trained, court-appointed adults who serve as the representative voices to advocate for the best interests of these children in dependency proceedings.

Jay has been involved with Voices for Children since 2007, having served on its Board of Directors and its Executive Committee. Stearns Weaver Miller has been the presenting sponsor of Voices for Children's annual "Be a Voice" Awards Luncheon since Jay joined the organization.

Jay is a shareholder in the firm's Litigation department and a former managing director of the firm. He has a national litigation practice, regularly arguing cases before trial and appellate courts across the country. Jay represents public and private companies in a wide variety of complex commercial litigation matters in diverse areas of the law including antitrust, securities, intellectual property, libel, deceptive and unfair trade practices, and directors' and officers' liability. He has a long and successful history in pharmaceutical cases, and also has extensive experience defending and prosecuting class actions. Jay is frequently recognized by publications including *Chambers USA, Benchmark Litigation, Best Lawyers in America* and *Florida Super Lawyers*.

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