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Client Alert

Greg Gotwald Named President of Child Advocates Board

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Greg Gotwald, a partner at Plews Shadley Racher & Braun LLP, is now president of the board of directors for Child Advocates, Inc.

Child Advocates engages community volunteers and staff to protect children who are victims of child abuse. The organization serves as the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) in Marion County representing the children in court. Child Advocates helps ensuring that the outcome is a safe and secure home for the children where they will thrive.

The volunteers are assigned to the cases of children who have been victims of life-threatening abuse or neglect and as a result, have been placed in protective custody. The volunteers contact caseworkers, interview parents, ensure necessary medical care, monitor educational interests and make recommendations in court regarding the permanent placement of the child.

These individuals are not only present during legal proceedings, but serve as a key advocate on behalf of the child's interests and well-being throughout the process of placing them in a home. They become someone that the child can count on during a very tumultuous time. Essentially, the volunteers do whatever it takes to ensure that the needs of the child are being met until all issues are resolved. For more information in Child Advocates go to <http://www.childadvocates.net/>

[Greg](#) helps his clients with litigation and appellate work in the areas of insurance coverage and environmental law. He also works with them on complex or technical litigation. Greg received his J.D. from Vermont Law School and an undergraduate degree in chemical engineering from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. He has been named to Indy's Best and Brightest for Law by Junior Achievement of Central Indiana, was named a Rising Star by Indiana Super Lawyers and received the *Indiana Lawyer* Leadership in Law Up and Coming Lawyer award.