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**EDWARD (TED) H. TOWNSEND APPOINTED TO
BIVONA CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Rochester, New York, September 25, 2019 – Harter Secrest & Emery LLP, a full-service business law firm with offices throughout New York, announced that Edward (Ted) H. Townsend, a senior associate in the firm’s Health Care and Human Services practice, has been appointed to serve on the Bivona Child Advocacy Center board of directors.

Bivona Child Advocacy Center is a not-for-profit organization where children who have endured the trauma of physical and sexual abuse can begin their journey of healing. Bivona provides critical, comprehensive services through collaborative partnership in a safe, child-friendly environment - all under one roof.

As a member of HSE’s Health Care and Human Services practice, Townsend advises hospitals, health care providers, facilities and organizations in connection with operational, compliance and governance matters, including corporate compliance, HIPAA, fraud and abuse, professional licensure and misconduct issues, the implementation of internal compliance programs, patient-related issues, medical staff issues and psychiatric commitment issues. Townsend is recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the field of Health Care Law, and the Upstate New York “Rising Stars” publication. He received a J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Syracuse University College of Law, and a B.A. from Trinity College.

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investigations and the myriad of other matters that impact a health care organization. The firm also has significant experience in managed care and health care acquisitions, reorganizations and affiliations, and has developed integrated delivery systems involving hospital, nursing home, home care agency, physician and other provider services.

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