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NICHOLAS S. GATTO APPOINTED TO AUTISM SERVICES, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Buffalo, New York, November 3, 2022 – Harter Secrest & Emery LLP, a full-service business law firm with offices throughout New York, announced that [Nicholas S. Gatto](#), senior counsel in the firm’s [Corporate](#) and [Financial Services](#) practice groups, has been appointed to serve on the Board of Directors of Autism Services, Inc.

Based in Amherst, New York, and founded more than 30 years ago, Autism Services Inc. provides a variety of individualized programs and services to support autistic children and adults, and their families. Their quality of life and educational support includes adult day services, a certified education program, residential services, employment support services, family support services, including respite, in-home clinical supports, therapeutic recreation (TRAC), after school and vacation camp services, and related clinical supports.

Gatto counsels public and private entities on a range of corporate finance strategies, including capital markets investments, institutional and non-traditional debt financing, workouts and restructures. He represents borrowers, lenders, and investors in the financing of acquisitions, working capital, refinancings and consolidations, and debtor-in-possession operations, among other matters. Formerly a corporate finance partner with Holland & Knight LLP in New York City, Gatto has negotiated and closed a number of sophisticated financings, both domestic and international, including syndicated and single-lender institutional loans, privately placed notes exempt from registration under Rule 144A, asset-based finance, real estate finance, structured finance, nontraditional lender finance, mezzanine finance, lease finance, among others.

Gatto earned his B.A., with high honors, from SUNY Binghamton and his J.D. from Cornell Law School.

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