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Patrick J. Duggan Joins the Child Protection Center Board of Directors

SARASOTA, FL — Shumaker Partner Patrick J. Duggan has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Child Protection Center (CPC), an organization dedicated to the prevention, intervention, and treatment of child abuse in Sarasota and DeSoto Counties. CPC provides specialized services designed to prevent child abuse, intervene when abuse occurs, and support the treatment and healing of survivors and families.

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"Patrick brings a deep understanding of the importance of collaboration to effectively prevent child abuse and provide compassionate care for children and families who have been affected," said Douglas Staley, Executive Director of CPC. "We are grateful for his continued commitment to this work and look forward to the perspective, energy, and community connections he will bring as we work together to create a safer community for every child."

Patrick has long been dedicated to efforts focused on preventing abuse and protecting vulnerable members of the community. He just concluded 10 years of service on the Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center's (SPARCC) Board of Directors–the last two of which he served as its Board Chair. Through his leadership and community involvement, Patrick has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to creating safer communities and supporting individuals and families affected by abuse.

"I am honored to join the Child Protection Center's Board and to continue my commitment to protecting children and strengthening our community," said Patrick. "I have seen firsthand the importance of prevention, intervention, and providing support to those who have experienced abuse. I look forward to working alongside the dedicated team at CPC to help create a community where every child is safe, supported, and free to thrive."

A leader in both the community and his legal practice, Patrick also serves as a Public Sector Industry Sector Co-Chair at Shumaker. As a member of the firm's Labor & Employment Service Line, he focuses on

employment law and litigation, primarily representing management in complex workplace, public sector, and business disputes.

Patrick represents clients in matters before both state and federal courts and brings extensive experience navigating complex employment and litigation matters. His legal practice, combined with his commitment to community leadership, allows him to bring a broad perspective to his service on CPC's Board.

"Patrick's dedication to serving others and strengthening our community makes him a natural addition to the CPC's Board," said Jan Pitchford, Managing Partner of Shumaker's Sarasota office. "His leadership professionally and throughout the Sarasota community reflects a genuine commitment to protecting individuals and creating meaningful, lasting change."

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