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Catherine Michael Speaks on Behalf of PEACZ

On February 25, 2010, Hollingsworth & Zivitz, PC, attorney, Catherine Michael, spoke on behalf of the PEACZ (The Parent Education and Advisory Council of Zionsville), which is a not-for-profit group advocating for students of Zionsville schools. For additional information please visit:

http://www.timessentinel.com/local/local_story_062111345.html and for additional information on Catherine Michael please visit <http://hzlegal.com/our-team/Catherine-M-Michael/>.

At Hollingsworth & Zivitz, PC, Catherine chairs the Education Law Team. Her practice focuses on education law, representing parents throughout the state of Indiana and nationwide through local counsel. Catherine has extensive experience with Special Education, Due process and section 504 hearings under state and federal law, Civil arbitration hearings, Teacher and student discipline and dismissal matters and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other civil rights matters.

Catherine is a nationwide author and speaker, conducting numerous presentations and training programs for parents, schools, and education organizations across the nation. Catherine is an adjunct professor for the **Nova Southeastern School of Law** in Florida, where she works in the **Education Law Masters Program**. Catherine also helped develop and now teaches the Parent Advocate Training and Certification Program for the **Autism Education and Training Center, Inc.** located in Carmel, Indiana. She is the author of *The Parent's Easy Guide to Special Education: Understanding Eligibility, Evaluations, and Case Conferences* (available in **paperback** or **e-book download**).

Catherine has appeared on a number of television and radio programs discussing the issues that face both schools and parents in the area of special education and special needs children. She is the weekly host of **Fox 59's Education Matters** segment; a frequent guest host on the local radio show **Crime Beat hosted by Marion County Prosecutor Carl Brizzi**, and has been a frequent guest on legal and education issues on the **Montel Williams Show**. She was named to the prestigious list of Indiana Super Lawyers Rising Stars in both 2009 and 2010, as recognized by *Law & Politics Magazine* and *Indianapolis Monthly*.

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