

Center for Children's Advocacy
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Hartford Business Journal Names Finalists for Health Care Heroes Award

Center for Children's Advocacy Deputy Director Jay Sicklick, Esq.

Hartford, Conn. – Jay Sicklick, Esq., Deputy Director of the Center for Children's Advocacy and Director of the Center's Medical Legal Partnership, has been named a finalist for The Hartford Business Journal's annual Health Care Heroes Awards. Health Care Heroes Awards recognize remarkable leaders in health care who are the epitome of a "hero" and demonstrate their excellence through helping others.

Jay has directed the Center's Medical-Legal Partnership Project (MLPP) since its establishment in April, 2000 as only the second program of its kind in the country. From its first office on site at Connecticut Children's Medical Center (CCMC), Jay has overseen the growth of the MLPP to presently serve virtually 100% of Hartford's needy children and families with offices at CCMC, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Charter Oak Health Clinic, Community Health Services, and The Hospital of Central Connecticut.

"It's an honor to be selected as a finalist for this award," said Sicklick. "Families who live in poverty must have access to appropriate healthcare and we can help with intervention and support. Every child deserves the right to be healthy – and our interdisciplinary model involving our healthcare partners has been successful in expanding access to care and addressing the critical issues that affect the region's most vulnerable children."

The Medical-Legal Partnership Project is a collaborative that works to improve the health and welfare of low-income children and their families. Proactive legal assistance is provided in a health care setting to make legal services easily accessible. The MLPP provides traditional legal representation with a comprehensive approach to the health care needs of an individual child, and advocates for children's health on a systemic level. This partnership model has now been replicated in over one hundred sites around the country.

Attorney Sicklick is also Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Connecticut School of Law, where he teaches courses in legal ethics and professional responsibility; and Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics.

Winners will be named at an awards luncheon on December 6, 2011 at 11:30 am at the Connecticut Convention Center, 100 Columbus Blvd. Hartford, CT. 06103. For tickets and information, please visit: <http://www.hartfordbusiness.com/event/health>.