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**ADRIENNE ARKONTAKY NAMED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT THE JOHN A. COLEMAN SCHOOL**

(NEW YORK, NY) The John A. Coleman School is proud to announce that attorney Adrienne J. Arkontaky of Littman Krooks LLP has been named to the Coleman School Board of Trustees.

Ms. Arkontaky's practice focuses exclusively on special education advocacy, special needs planning, trusts and guardianship for families of children with disabilities. She has been instrumental in assisting families in obtaining appropriate educational services for children with special needs. These professional experiences will now be utilized to bolster the leadership of the John A. Coleman School, a New York State Education Department (NYSED) approved special needs school providing educational services in-patient, out-patient and in the community.

The Coleman School, with a current annual budget of 15 million, provides special education for children from birth through 21 years of age. With campuses in Manhattan and White Plains, Coleman is a non-graded school that places children based upon their academic achievement, social development, level of physical development, and management needs. The School provides programming for early intervention, pre-school, school age, and special class in an integrated setting.

The Manhattan campus serves the in-house residents of the Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center, the only pediatric skilled nursing facility in the borough, housing 136 beds. The White Plains campus is the largest provider of center-based pre-school special education in Westchester County providing services to nearly 300 children from over 25 school districts in the local geographical areas of Westchester, Putnam, Bronx and Manhattan counties. The White Plains campus, located on the grounds of the Children's Rehabilitation Center, also offers home and community-based services. Both campuses are NYSED approved evaluation sites.

In addition to Counselor Arkontaky's extensive experience as a legal advocate for children with disabilities, she is also the parent of a special needs 16 year old named Jordan, who is a graduate of the Coleman School. The involvement of Adrienne Arkontaky as a Trustee is a realization of the holistic mission-based objective to involve parents fully in the care, programming and education of the children served by the John A. Coleman School and the Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center.

The Board of Trustees is delighted to welcome Adrienne Arkontaky as an advocate and facilitator for special needs children; her talents will be drawn on in determining future policies, directives and planning for the John A. Coleman School.

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**Mission Statement** – *At the John A. Coleman School, children participate in exceptional educational programs that engage their unique abilities by adapting the learning environment and providing opportunities for creative expression and spiritual growth. To learn more please visit [www.setonpediatric.org](http://www.setonpediatric.org).*

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