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***WBK Attorney Hall among speakers for PACEC Convention on “Educational Innovation”***

*Pittsburgh – Oct. 12, 2015* -- Rebecca Heaton Hall, Esq., an associate in the law firm Weiss Burkardt Kramer, LLC is among the speakers for the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennsylvania Association Council for Exceptional Children (PACEC) Convention “Educational Innovation: Lighting the Way to a Better Future” November 19-20 at Best Western Premier The Central Hotel & Conference Center, Harrisburg.

Hall’s topic “Special Education and Mental Health Updates” will include the latest developments in Pennsylvania case law, distinction between social maladjustment and emotional disturbance, and triggers for child find with students with mental health diagnoses and disorders.

Hall concentrates in school law and special education matters and has been practicing law in an education-related field for nine years. In addition, Hall is routinely called upon by the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Family Division-Juvenile Section to act as counsel or guardian *ad litem* for abused and neglected children. She has represented approximately 2,000 juveniles. Hall, along with WBK Partner Jocelyn P. Kramer, Esq., and Aimee Rankin Zundel, Esq., form a team primarily focused on special education matters for school districts.

Hall also provides expert level services and testimony in the areas of juvenile education, medical, and mental health law in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Family Division-Juvenile Section and lectures on special education matters and juvenile rights.

For her dedication to special education matters, Hall received the 2013 Achieva Excellence in Advocacy Award and was the 2014 honoree of Leading Education & Advocacy for Families, Inc. for her advocacy work. She received her Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and holds a Bachelor of Science degree from West Liberty State College.

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