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Michael Best Strategies Principal Appointed to Child Welfare Task Force

Becky Miller Updike to Help Group Improve the Lives of Children in Colorado

DENVER (November 6, 2019) – Michael Best Strategies announced today that Becky Miller Updike, Ph.D., a principal in its Denver office, has been appointed to serve on the Delivery of Child Welfare Services Task Force through the Colorado Department of Human Services.

“I am honored to have been appointed to serve on this task force,” Miller Updike said. “I have spent the majority of my career working to improve the lives of children, and I remain committed to the well-being of all children across Colorado. It is a very important time to prioritize these issues and I look forward to working with my fellow task force members as we discuss ways to help improve the child welfare system in our state.”

Miller Updike’s appointment by Michelle Barnes, the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Human Services, will put her in a role with others who are working with counties in Colorado to help children and families who have experienced trauma, maltreatment and other challenging circumstances. The Task Force was established by legislation in 2018 and works to provide quarterly updates and policy recommendations to the Joint Budget Committee, the Public Health Care and Human Services Committee of the House of Representatives and the Health and Human Services Committee of the Senate.

“Becky is a problem solver and a champion for children in Colorado,” said Rob Marchant, President at Michael Best Strategies. “We are honored to participate in this important work and know that Becky will be a great benefit to the Task Force.”

“The work Becky has done in her career has suited her perfectly for this job,” said Jeff Thormodsgaard, Partner at Michael Best Strategies. “Children and families in Colorado



are lucky to have her in this position as she strives to help improve their lives.”

Miller Updike joined Michael Best Strategies earlier this year and has focused her efforts on assisting the Colorado Association of Family & Children’s Agencies as Contract Executive Director. She also helps other Michael Best Strategies clients with their unique government relations and public policy needs.

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