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THOMAS R. DAVIS JOINS ABILITIES FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Poughkeepsie, N.Y. (January 12, 2018) - Thomas R. Davis, Managing Partner at SRDD Law (Stenger, Roberts, Davis & Diamond, LLP) joins the Board of Directors for Abilities First. Abilities First is a not-for-profit organization serving the needs of over 1,400 children and adults with developmental disabilities through educational, vocational, residential, and habilitation services in the Hudson Valley.

“We are pleased to have Thomas R. Davis join our Board of Directors. We look forward to having Tom be an advocate for Abilities First and the individuals we serve with the same passion and commitment he has for his clients,” said Abilities First Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Jeffery Fox.

SRDD Law is a full-service firm serving the Hudson Valley with offices in Wappingers Falls and Poughkeepsie. Thomas R. Davis is the firm’s managing partner and heads the firm’s personal injury, matrimonial litigation and criminal defense departments. Tom has also been involved in providing education to members of the bar and paralegals. He is a former instructor for two different paralegal training programs. He has, at the invitation of a county court judge, instructed attorneys on the aspect of bail. He was recently an instructor for the National Business institute.

Tom is also a trustee of the Down Syndrome Association of the Hudson Valley.

“SRDD Law has been supporting Abilities First throughout the years and I am thrilled to be a member of the board of directors. I look forward to continuing to make an impact on the association and raise awareness within the community,” said Thomas R. Davis.

The full list of Abilities First Board of Directors for 2017-2018 is listed below.

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Thomas R. Davis
Managing Partner
SRDD Law (Stenger, Roberts, Davis & Diamond, LLP)

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About Abilities First, Inc.

Founded in 1962, Abilities First is a not-for-profit organization serving the needs of those with developmental disabilities from pre-school through adulthood. Abilities First has had a long-term commitment of providing a cohesive culture of compassion, empowerment and respect for people with a variety of disabilities through educational, vocational, residential, and habilitation services. It presently serves over 1,400 children and adults with disabilities in the Hudson Valley region of New York State. AF is accredited for the person-centered care by the Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL).

Abilities First's mission is to provide people with disabilities and their families support to attain independence, self-determination, integration and acceptance by others through education, exploration and experience.

For more information, visit www.AbilitiesFirstNY.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/AbilitiesFirstInc.