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Christopher M. Hutchins of Berenfeld, Spritzer, Shechter & Sheer Named President of Foster Care Review Board

CORAL GABLES, Fla. – (March 13, 2007) — Christopher M. Hutchins, an Accounting Services Manager with Berenfeld, Spritzer, Shechter & Sheer (Berenfeld Spritzer), one of South Florida's largest accounting firms, has been elected as President of the Foster Care Review, Inc. (FCR). Hutchins, who begins his two-year term as President in March 2007, has served as a Board Treasurer of the organization since 2001.

In 1989 FCR was established to address the problems in the foster care system. The organization promotes positive and permanent outcomes for dependent children through case review and advocacy. FCR fulfills its mission by providing third-party, independent oversight to ensure the safety, wellbeing and permanency of children in the dependency system; collecting and providing data to child welfare agencies regarding the status of children and assessing agency performance and compliance with statutory requirements; involving the community in the care of dependent children and empowering them to become advocates for children and reducing judicial caseload and providing the Courts with comprehensive information that is critical in making sound decisions. One of three existing programs in the State, FCR has 21 employees, 130+ volunteers and a budget of \$1.7 million.

Hutchins and his wife Cristina, a teacher in the Miami-Dade school system, have first hand knowledge assisting children in need – their son, Daniel, was adopted.

Chris first participated in foster parent/adoptive parent training offered by DCF to qualify as an adoptive parent in the DCF system. Hutchins remarked, "It has really made me realize how lucky I was as a child and how many great kids there are in need of loving families. Other than my wedding day, taking Daniel into our family was the greatest day in my life."

"We are honored to have a man like Chris with such integrity and commitment to the community as part of the Berenfeld Spritzer family," said Walter "Butch" Gelnovatch, Managing Partner of Berenfeld Spritzer

Hutchins, who joined Berenfeld Spritzer in 2004, has worked in the accounting field for 19 years. After receiving a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Notre Dame, he went on to earn a Masters in Taxation from Florida International University.

The Miami resident is a member of several professional and civic organizations including the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants; Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants; and the Miami Chapter of the University of Notre Dame Alumni Association.

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