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#### **Submitted Information:**

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#### **Lincoln Award of Excellence Attorney Nominee's Name**

Adrian Barr

#### **Nominee's phone #**

309-433-0065      corrected phone number: (309) 829-8703 ext. 107

#### **Nominee's Law Firm, Company/Organization and Address**

Prairie State Legal Services      corrected Organization: The Immigration Project

#### **Statement in Support of Nomination**

Charlotte embodies the characteristics of this award. She is incredibly smart, civil, and hardworking.

Charlotte has dedicated her professional life to helping low-income immigrants and the public good.

I am so impressed by what Charlotte has accomplished at The Immigration Project. The Immigration Project is much different now than when I joined the board in 2014. This is Charlotte's vision and passion. She has accomplished more than any prior director.

Charlotte could earn much more money if she left non-profit work or even at a later non-profit, but she is dedicated to The Immigration Project and serving low-income immigrants in downstate Illinois.

#### **Individual achievements in the practice of law**

Charlotte graduated from Harvard Law School in 2012. While in law

school, Charlotte served as a student attorney at the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau for two years helping low-income people with eviction, social security, and unemployment benefit appeals.

**Employment History - written or upload resume**

3/2017 - Present - The Immigration Project - Executive Director

9/2014 - 3/2017 - The Immigration Project - Staff Attorney

8/2012-9/2014 - Immigration & Access to Justice Program - Legal Services Director

**Service to the MCBA-the Community-pro bono service**

Charlotte has served low-income immigrants, refugees, and new Americans in McLean County tirelessly since she joined the staff of The Immigration Project in 2014. As Executive Director, Charlotte has overseen large growth of the Immigration Project from an annual budget of around \$400,000 to a current budget of \$3,318,113. This is incredible growth and results in more services for immigrants. Part of the growth is the creation of a Welcoming Center that provides a one-stop shop for immigrants to learn about services in the community. Charlotte oversaw this expansion during some turbulent times both politically and through the coronavirus.

Charlotte has served as a spokesperson for those without a voice in the media and at various events in the community. Charlotte is a gifted public speaker helping our community understand the needs and struggles of low-income immigrants, refugees, and new Americans.

Our community is a more vibrant place thanks to Charlotte's hard work to help immigrants succeed by providing them access to legal services, social services, and knowledge. ISU Stevenson Center Director, Professor Frank Beck, estimated that in 2019, immigrants earned \$494 million locally and paid \$32.1 million in local and state taxes and \$42.9 million in federal taxes. Charlotte and her team played a role in helping low-income immigrants obtain legal status and join our workforce.

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