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Dear Selection Committee Members:

I am writing to support Adrian Barr's nomination of our staff attorney, Emily Petri, as McLean County Young Lawyer of the Year. I have had many opportunities to work with Emily, and I am continually impressed with her legal ability and her skill in counseling her clients. She represents clients in a wide range of cases, from domestic violence petitions and family law cases to eviction and fair housing cases. In addition, she is the chair of our program-wide public benefits task force, sharing her expertise in the complex statutory and regulatory world that characterizes these benefits.

Just by way of example of Emily's terrific legal ability, I have recently been working with Emily on a complicated Medicaid case where eligibility for potentially life-saving medical assistance is at issue. Emily thoughtfully and carefully analyzed the complex eligibility criteria and worked with our client and the medical evidence to prepare a compelling case demonstrating how every element of eligibility for the needed services is met. Throughout this challenging case she has counselled the client in a very clear and compassionate manner. It is very re-assuring for the client to be in Emily's hands.

Emily's colleagues at Prairie State highly value her work as well as her calm and professional manner. We are so pleased for you to consider her for this award.

Sincerely,

Sarah Megan
Attorney at Law