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RE: Young Lawyer of the Year

Dear Selection Committee:

I am writing in support of Adrian Barr's nomination of Emily Petri for the MCBA Young Lawyer of the Year Award. For several years, I have had the pleasure of working closely with Emily on the Bar Association's CLE committee. Additionally, I have had the opportunity to observe her work in the courtroom.

Since Emily was licensed to practice law in 2012, she has appeared in my courtroom on a handful of occasions, most often in Order of Protection cases. She was always prepared, thorough and a zealous advocate for her clients. In an area where emotions can run high, Emily remained calm and professional. She has always demonstrated dedication to her clients and Prairie State Legal Services.

I have also watched Emily transition from a member of the CLE committee to its chairperson, a position she will have held for three years when she "retires" later this year. She has devoted significant time and energy into the position, which has resulted in interesting, engaging and worthwhile programs for continuing legal education credit. In that capacity, she is organized, creative and sensitive to the wide-ranging interests of CLE attendees. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she has made extra efforts to deliver quality programs to the MCBA utilizing new platforms. Clearly, Emily is dedicated to serving not only her clients, but her profession as well. Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Very Truly Yours,

Rebecca S. Foley
Circuit Judge