

**Thank you for your consideration of Emily Petri as the MCBA 2020 Young Lawyer of the Year. These comments supplement my April 17, 2019 letter in support of her 2019 nomination.**

**Over the past year, Emily has continued to grow professionally at an excellent rate. I see her pushing herself to improve as a lawyer and a leader to the benefit her clients, Prairie State Legal Services, and this community. As an example, in 2019 she volunteered to lead PSLS new local Fair Housing Project grant to address housing discrimination. This requires that Emily learn a new and complicated area of the law, speak publicly about housing discrimination and the new fair housing legal services in the community, and report quarterly about her progress to the City of Bloomington and Town of Normal. Emily has continues to grow as a leader at PSLS at an organizational level (150+ employees). She currently co-chairs the PSLS internal Public Benefits Task Force which educates our employees about public benefits and produces easy to understand materials for clients. Emily also gives back to the community outside of PSLS. She recently joined the West Bloomington Revitalization Project Board of Directors. Emily has dedicated her career to improving this community. PSLS is lucky to have such a hardworking, smart, and caring lawyer helping it achieve its mission.**