

2023 MCBA YOUNG LAWYER OF THE YEAR
LETTER OF SUPPORT- CALLI FARRELL

I am John Ashenfelter, Associate General Counsel for State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company (“State Farm”). I have had the pleasure of supervising Calli since she joined State Farm upon her graduation from law school. I write in full support of Calli’s nomination as the 2023 MCBA Young Lawyer of the Year.

Calli has displayed a professionalism and dedication to the practice of law that is far beyond her years as a licensed attorney of less than two years. She identifies legal issues promptly and thoroughly while communicating the application of the laws effectively. She has devoted her time to educating those studying to become lawyers (mentoring incoming interns), those studying to become paralegals (as an instructor at I.S.U), and those who are currently paralegals (working with them and providing direction to them here at State Farm.

I am sure that you are already very familiar with her service to the McLean County Bar. Her self-initiative efforts are truly remarkable and inspiring. Likewise, she has begun to take on pro bono efforts to help those in need here in McLean County.

I have been in-house counsel at State Farm for over 36 years. I proudly state that Calli Farrell is mentoring me and inspiring me in my practice today.

Thank you for your consideration of her nomination.

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