

It is my pleasure to nominate Calli Farrell for the 2023 MCBA Young Lawyer of the Year Award. Originally from New Orleans, Calli attended Louisiana State University receiving a degree in finance. Following her undergraduate education, Calli attended the University of Mississippi School of Law. During law school, Calli completed a Corporate Law internship at State Farm here in town and was later offered a job as an attorney for State Farm. During the height of the Covid pandemic Calli moved to Bloomington-Normal by herself, took the Bar Exam, and began her career as Counsel in State Farm's Corporate Law Division. Calli is now the primary attorney for marketing at State Farm.

Shortly after Calli began her career, she was featured in the "New To Your Office" section of the McLean County Bar Association Newsletter. I took the opportunity to email Calli after seeing her in the newsletter and we became fast friends. Even though Calli has only lived here for a few years, it seems like everywhere we go together she knows someone because she is so involved in our community. Calli is on the internship committee at State Farm, was a mentor to an extern, is involved in multiple enterprise employee resource groups, and is taking all eight Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) exams, which is not a requirement for her position. On top of her involvement at State Farm, Calli is an Assistant Professor of Introduction to Law for Paralegals at ISU, the Treasurer of the McLean County Bar Association, the Financial Advisor for the ISU chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha, a volunteer for the Bloomington Area Career Center, and a volunteer judge for high school, ISU, and U of I legal competitions.

As a young lawyer, Calli has contributed so much to our community already. I am so proud of Calli, and I highly recommend her for the 2023 MCBA Young Lawyer of the Year Award.

Sincerely,



Taylor A. Williams