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Lincoln Award of Excellence Attorney Nominee's Name

Thomas Herr

Nominee's phone

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Nominee's Law Firm, Company/Organization and Address

Dunn Law Firm
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Statement in Support of Nomination

Subject: Nomination of Thomas E. Herr for the McLean County Bar Association Lincoln Excellence Award

Dear McLean County Bar Association Award Committee,

I am writing to wholeheartedly nominate Thomas E. Herr, an attorney from Dunn Law Firm LLP, for the McLean County Bar Association Lincoln Excellence Award. As an employee of the Dunn Law Firm, I have had the privilege of observing Mr. Herr's unwavering dedication to the legal profession, the local bar association, and the community, especially in the realm of pro-bono work and charitable planning. Mr. Herr's exceptional to our local community and the national recognition e has received are the embodiment of the values and ideals that this prestigious award represents. I kindly request that you consider Mr. Herr for this award and recognize the significant contributions he have made to the community and the legal profession/

I would like to highlight some of the notable cases and contributions that make him an exemplary candidate for this prestigious award. These are just some of the types of cases that he works on:

1. Establishing an \$8 million charitable remainder unitrust for children and making outright gifts to several university foundations.
2. Drafting a comprehensive estate plan and administering estate with nearly \$14 million in estate gifts to a local university and two national charities.
3. Creating a Charitable Trust and Private Foundation for a client's gift of 700 acres of farmland and other cash assets.
4. Presenting "Plan Like a Champion" seminars in partnership with the University of Notre Dame Development Department.
5. Planning and administering an estate worth over \$8 million for the benefit of charitable organizations.
6. Assisting a client with a gift of 160 acres of farmland to their Alma Mater.
7. Helping clients with annual gifts of grain, appreciated stock, and charitable distributions from retirement accounts.
8. Planning and implementing the transfer and sale of \$3 million in appreciated farm equipment and other assets to a Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust.
9. Administering the estate of a University professor, including preserving professional papers, donating unique historical items to the Smithsonian and other museums, and arranging charitable gifts exceeding \$4.5 million.
10. Formulating income and estate tax plans for multiyear multimillion-dollar gifts to a local church and associated private school.

11. Assisting multiple clients in organizing tax-exempt organizations and representing several private foundations.
12. Preparing thousands of personal income tax returns for clients during his 30-year career, while advising them on charitable giving, qualified charitable distributions, gifts of real estate, stock, appreciated assets, and other charitable giving techniques.
13. Consulting with various Illinois and national college and university development departments on charitable giving.

Thomas E. Herr's outstanding work in the field of charitable planning has left a lasting impact on the community and enriched the lives of countless individuals and organizations. It is with great admiration that I nominate him for the McLean County Bar Association Lincoln Award of excellence.

Individual achievements in the practice of law

See attachments.

Employment History - written or upload resume

Dunn Law Firm , LLP

Service to the MCBA-the Community-pro bono service

See attachments.

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