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Submitted Information:

Lincoln Award of Excellence Attorney Nominee's Name

John Kim

Nominee's phone #

3098306392

Nominee's Law Firm, Company/Organization and Address

Edward Jones

Statement in Support of Nomination

John Kim is an excellent lawyer and person. He is currently the Chair of the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism. WGLT dubbed him the "chief civility czar" in a recent article. He is perfect for the role because he is civil and can help promote civility with his excellent public speaking. When I hear John speak I am inspired to be a better person. John is always willing to do hard work. He is willing to lead. He is willing to help non-profits raise money which is an area that many shy away from.

Individual achievements in the practice of law

As a litigator in private practice, John had a reputation for excellent, thorough work. He continued this after he went in-house. I am not as familiar with his private work as his pro bono work. John primarily accepted pro bono cases from the Immigration Project including seeking state court orders to support a request for special immigrant juvenile status in immigration court. While in private practice John accepted 10 pro bono divorce/family cases from PSLS.

Employment History - written or upload resume

John Kim is Associate General Counsel at Edward Jones where he counsels on labor and employment matters. Previously, he worked as in-house counsel at State Farm and was in private practice in Central Illinois at Heyl Royster (Peoria), Howard & Howard (Peoria) and Livingston, Barger, Brandt, and Schroeder (Bloomington).

Service to the MCBA-the Community-pro bono service

John joined the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism in 2019. He was appointed Vice-Chair in 2022 and Chair in 2024. John is active in legal organizations at the national, state, and local levels. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Law Foundation. He also serves on the state-wide boards of legal services providers Prairie State Legal Services and the Immigration Project. John serves as the Treasurer at Prairie State Legal Services. As a member of the McLean County Bar Association, he serves on the Underwood Committee on Professionalism. John previously served as the Treasurer of the MCBA. In his community, John is a long-time volunteer at the only free and charitable clinic in McLean County, the Community Health Care Clinic. He previously served on their board. Also, he serves on the board of the Children's Discovery Museum Foundation.

John also accepts pro bono cases from Prairie State Legal Services and The Immigration Project.

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