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Submitted Information:

Lincoln Award of Excellence Attorney Nominee's Name

Paul Lawrence

Nominee's phone #

309-824-8551

Nominee's Law Firm, Company/Organization and Address

Retired Judge
Lake Bloomington
Hudson, IL

Statement in Support of Nomination

Paul is definitely a very well respected citizen and member of our legal profession. I have personally known him for over 30 years and truly believe that he is well deserving of the Lincoln Award. Like Lincoln, he is truly a great family man to his spouse and five children. Like Lincoln, he has had a distinguished legal career both as private practice attorney, public defender and as our Circuit Judge.

He has actively served as our McLean County Bar Association President bringing new activities and programs under his tenure. He has improved the quality of life in our community by his active involvement in service clubs such as Kiwanis and also served on many other boards promoting the public good. Even as I write this nomination, Paul and his spouse are at Church mission trip in a foreign country improving the our World society. I presently know of no other person who is a member of our local bar who would be more deserving of this award.

Individual achievements in the practice of law

Paul was selected by the 11th Circuit Judges to be an Associate Judge based on his achievements as a private practice attorney and part time public defender. He was elected as a Circuit Judge and retained several times by the voters of the 11th Circuit based on his performance as a Judge.

Employment History - written or upload resume

Paul worked as a private practice attorney with his father and other attorneys. He also served as a part time Public Defender, before being selected by the 11th Circuit Judges to serve as an Associate Judge. He was later elected as a Circuit Judge and retained several times.

Service to the MCBA-the Community-pro bono service

Paul actively served on the MCBA Board as a member and as its president. He developed new activities and programs while serving as President, such as a softball tournament with members of bar associations from other Circuits. He not only served as President to his local Kiwanis Club, but also served as Lt. Governor to many other clubs in central IL. He is an active member of his church and assist there in many ways. He is or has been involved in or served on the boards of many community organizations such as Project Oz. As an attorney and Judge he has promoted pro bono service.

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Frank Hoffman