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Submitted Information:

Young Attorney Nominee's Name

Michael Butts

Nominee's phone #

3098382539

Nominee's Date of Birth

04/24/1986

Nominee's Email

mbutts@wdalawyers.com

Nominee's Law Firm, Company/Organization and Address

Wood, DeVary & Armstrong, P.C.
207 W. Jefferson, Ste. 400
Bloomington, IL 61701

1. Statement in Support of Nomination

Michael Butts is an outstanding individual. He is caring and hardworking. He is an asset to my firm and a great guy.

2. Employment History - written or upload resume

Resume attached. Michael worked at the Tazewell County State's Attorney's Office from November 2012 until he joined Robert T. Varney & Associates.

3. Individual achievements in the practice of law

Successfully represented clients in various litigation matters including wrongful termination, pursuing and defending employment discrimination claims, defending and pursuing personal injury claims, estate administration and litigation, fiduciary fraud, guardianship matters, and criminal defense. Regularly assists clients with real estate transactions, estate planning and business formation and representation.

Super Lawyer's Rising Stars, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022.

Co-authored IICLE Breach of Fiduciary Duty, January 1, 2017.

Pentagraph and McLean County Chamber of Commerce 20 Under 40 - 2020

4. Service to the MCBA - community - pro bono service

McLean County Bar Association, Chair, Social Committee July 2019 - present.

McLean County Bar Association, Chair, Young Lawyers Division Mar 2013 - June 2016.

McLean County Bar Association Board of Governors, Board Member, July 2021 - present.

Child Protection Network, Board Member December 2019 - present.

Central Illinois St. Jude Run/Walk, Board Member, Mar 2016 - present.

City of Bloomington Zoning Board of Appeals, Board Member, January 2016 - May 2018.

Bloomington Rotary Club, Member February 2016 - present.

Bloomington Rotary Foundation, Board Member, July 2018 - present.

Established scholarships for area students graduating from the BACC vocational program.

Bloomington Rotary Club Board, Board Member, December 2021 - present.

Has provided pro bono GAL services in guardianship and adoption matters. As well as advising employees on termination and disciplinary matters pro bono.

Has been a guest presenter on various legal subjects at Bloomington High School and Central Catholic high School.