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#### **Submitted Information:**

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#### **Lincoln Award of Excellence Attorney Nominee's Name**

Thomas McClure

#### **Nominee's phone #**

309-438-8797

#### **Nominee's Law Firm, Company/Organization and Address**

Illinois State University  
Department of Politics & Government  
Campus Box 4600  
Normal, IL 61790-4600

#### **Statement in Support of Nomination**

Professor McClure began taking pro bono divorce cases from PSLS in 2011. In August of 2020, Professor McClure launched the ISU Expungement Clinic in partnership with PSLS. Through this partnership, PSLS transfers expungement and sealing cases to Professor McClure. Professor McClure assigns the cases to his ISU Legal Studies students to prepare Request to Expunge or Seal pleadings and other necessary paperwork. Professor McClure reviews the documents, makes corrections, and sends them to PSLS to file with the Circuit Clerk.

As of December 31, 2021, with the help of 51 ISU students, Professor McClure has helped 40 clients so far to request to seal or expunge 45 old criminal cases. In addition to helping PSLS clients, this program exposes ISU students to pro bono work and helps to build the next generation of pro bono volunteers.

This is one of a small handful of undergraduate expungement clinics in the country.

Professor McClure has also donated \$100,000 to create an endowment to support the ISU Expungement Clinic. The endowment will need to reach \$350,000 to become fully funded and make this program longstanding.

**Individual achievements in the practice of law**

Professor McClure obtained ABA approval for the ISU Legal Studies Program. The program has continued to improve and grow under his leadership.

**Employment History - written or upload resume**

**Service to the MCBA-the Community-pro bono service**

Mr. McClure has provided at least two CLE presentations for the MCBA.