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Your statement of support and any updated achievements in the practice of law, service to the MCBA, community and/or pro bono service.

RE: McLean County Bar Association Young Lawyer of the Year 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you to the selection committee for this opportunity to supplement my 2019 Nomination of McLean County attorney Bradly Rigdon for Young Lawyer of the Year. I request that you consider the previously-submitted application as all of the information therein remains accurate and up-to-date. As described below, this past year Brad has continued to demonstrate why he is deserving of this award—he truly embodies all of the qualities that this honor seeks to promote.

Brad continues to serve as First Assistant State's Attorney, supervising the entire criminal division of the State's Attorney's Office, which is comprised of approximately twenty attorneys. He is highly respected by both attorneys and support personnel within the office for his patience, organizational skills, thoroughness, objectivity, and composure.

In addition to his supervisory duties, Brad has solidified his position as one of the top trial attorneys in the McLean County Bar. He was lead prosecutor on a two-week long first degree murder jury trial in December 2020 which resulted in a verdict of guilty on all counts and long-awaited justice for the deceased victim's family. While most supervisors in his position understandably decline to carry a case load due to their considerable

supervisory duties, Brad chooses to lead his team of litigators by example and spent more than seven weeks of the calendar year 2020 in jury trial.

Finally, the recent COVID-19 crisis has underscored Brad's uncommon leadership ability at such a young age. While county administration matters have continued to demand my attention throughout this challenging time, Brad has emerged as the main point of contact from my office for coordinating the constantly changing pandemic court procedures with the judiciary. Chief Judge Mark Fellheimer personally contacted me with praise for Brad's diligence, acumen, and pleasant demeanor as they work through these unprecedented challenges. I couldn't agree more. As I stated in my 2019 nomination, Brad is a "unique talent" who serves this community with the utmost integrity and dedication every day, I cannot imagine an attorney more deserving of this honor.

Sincerely,

McLean County State's Attorney Don Knapp

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Submitted Information:

Nominee's Name

Bradly Rigdon

Nominee's phone #

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Nominee's Date of Birth

November of 1986

Nominee's Email

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Nominee's Law Firm, Company/Organization and Address

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1. Statement in Support of Nomination

Please consider this my statement in support of conferring the Young Lawyer of the Year Award on Bradly Rigdon. I cannot advocate strongly enough for you to give serious consideration for Mr. Rigdon when deciding upon which young lawyer to confer this honor. At the age of 32, Brad has not just become a leader in our State's Attorney's Office but a leader in the entire Law & Justice Center. Sought out for his advice from young and more senior lawyers alike, the single best phrase that was ever imparted to me by a member of the judiciary to describe Brad is that he is a "unique talent." That is undoubtedly accurate. Being unfamiliar with every nominee, I suspect that Brad is one of the few lawyers in town that supervises approximately 20 attorneys—some of which are literally either twice his age or almost twice his age. These lawyers, albeit with temporal experience that easily doubles Brads, routinely turn to him for guidance and fellowship on both professional and personal matters. Brad truly is a unique talent, not just professionally but personally.

2. Employment History - written or upload resume

After graduating third in his class from Southern Illinois University's School of Law a semester early and Summa Cum Laude from Western Illinois University, Brad obtained his law license in May of 2012 and began working at the McLean County State's Attorney's Office. He has spent his entire legal career serving the citizens of McLean County. Brad earned promotions from being hired as an ASA 1 to ASA 2 in September of 2013; to an ASA 3 in November of 2014; to an ASA 4 in July of 2017; to First Assistant State's Attorney/ASA 5 in June of 2018. As the First Assistant State's Attorney, Brad not only has significant duties regarding the managing of his case load but also

supervisory responsibility over approximately 20 attorneys.

3. Individual achievements in the practice of law

Brad has authored articles published in the Journal of Legal Medicine (Bradly Rigdon, Pharmacists on the Front Lines in the Fight Against Meth: A 50-State Comparison of the Laws Regulating the Retail Sale of Pseudoephedrine. Journal of Legal Medicine, June 13, 2012, Vol. 33, Iss. 2). With dozens of jury trials under his belt, and even more bench trials, Brad has tried cases involving everything from traffic offenses to first degree murder. He is lead counsel in the area's highest profile cases including the People of the State of Illinois vs. Kirk Zimmerman as well as the cases involving the Central Illinois Arena Management defendants. The character limit of this form simply does not allow me to list the number of achievements that Brad has had in individual cases for those in the community that are victims of the worst crimes imaginable.

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

Brad serves on the courts Forms Committee and has developed a number of forms used daily throughout the courthouse which is a great service to those in the Bar practicing in the criminal courts. Moreover, Brad has conducted numerous instructional seminars on everything from overhears to courtroom technology to basis for search warrants which are routinely attended by more than 20 members of the McLean County Bar Association each time he conducts such training. Brad is a member of the Normal Kiwanis Club and has provided many hours of charitable work through that service organization. Furthermore, Brad belongs to the McLean County FISA (Financial Institution Security Association) through which he and others in the industry coordinate efforts to ensure the security of assets of the community which are so vital to any thriving infrastructure and economy. Not only does Brad's participation in FISA allow him to learn of efforts beyond those of the State's Attorney's Office and law enforcement to keep the community's assets safe, but it allows him to share information and techniques to private entities within the field who serve as gatekeepers for their employers. This organization's value to the community, and Brad's role therein, simply cannot be understated. Brad also serves as a coach for Illinois State University's Mock Trial team, teaching many of the community's best and brightest young students about not just the practice of law but imparting on them real world communication skills that will serve them well regardless of whether they become lawyers.