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Submitted Information:

Lincoln Award of Excellence Attorney Nominee's Name

Robert Porter

Nominee's phone #

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Nominee's Law Firm, Company/Organization and Address

Costigan & Wollrab, P.C.
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Statement in Support of Nomination

I have had the privilege of working with Robert Porter as his assistant since he was first admitted to the bar and began working at Costigan & Wollrab in 2012. From the beginning, Robert has always been incredibly dedicated to the practice of law and the pursuit of knowledge. The dedication he shows to his clients and cases is unparalleled. He's very hands-on in managing his cases, ensuring each file receives top-notch attention. As a certified Guardian ad Litem, Robert is often sought after to serve on contested family cases as his colleagues know that Robert will be diligent and detailed in his investigation and give an unbiased priority to the best interests of the children. Robert began representing private individuals, public agencies, and hospitals in petitioning for guardianship of disabled adults. As one might imagine, these types of cases can be quite disheartening when witnessing the level of physical and financial abuse and neglect some of these respondents endured. Despite the emotional difficulty in handling these cases, Robert established himself as one of the premier attorneys in this area of practice. Because of this

dedication, he earned the Gubernatorial Appointment as the Public Administrator and Public Guardian for McLean and Logan Counties in December of 2021. GAL and guardianship cases are just the tip of the iceberg in Robert's caseload. He serves as corporate counsel, assists clients with estate planning needs, handles residential and farm real estate transactions, and purchases and sales of business assets, as well as representing clients in general family law, small claims, eviction, and litigation cases. Robert's resume further highlights the diversity of his areas of practice throughout his career.

Although his case load is often substantial, Robert still tries to make time to assist Prairie State Legal Services by taking pro bono referrals. Robert was presented with the Prairie State Legal Services Life Saver award in 2022 for his dedication to assisting pro bono clients. Furthermore, Robert has assisted individuals by acting as guardian on a pro bono basis. The drive Robert has displayed as a young attorney earned him the McLean County Young Lawyer Award in 2022. He continues to push in the pursuit of excellence.

Robert is committed to the community outside of the legal profession as well. He currently serves as the Secretary of the McLean County Historical Society and is on the Board of Directors for the Illinois Symphony Orchestra. He previously served as Treasurer and on the Board of Trustees for the Bloomington Public Library. Robert is a member of the Illinois Guardianship Association, the McLean County Bar Association, and the Illinois State Bar Association. As part of these memberships, Robert has participated in panels regarding the role of Guardian ad Litem and handling guardianship cases.

Robert is a young attorney who has put in the time and effort to earn the respect of his colleagues. He treats his staff and his clients with the utmost respect and care, further representing his kind and professional nature. I believe it is quite clear that Robert is devoted to the practice of law and that he continues to invest himself into both the legal community and the community at large.

Individual achievements in the practice of law

Gubernatorial Appointment as the Public Administrator and Public Guardian for McLean and Logan Counties in December of 2021.
McLean County Young Lawyer Award 2022

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Service to the MCBA-the Community-pro bono service

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