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Do you intend to practice law in McLean County?
Yes

Explain your ties to McLean County and/or why you hope to practice law in McLean County
My parents have lived in McLean County for the past seventeen years, which is where I grew up. I further earned my Bachelor's degree from Illinois Wesleyan University. As noted, I completed two internships associated with McLean County while I was earning my undergraduate degree. Given that my family still resides in McLean County, and that I personally enjoyed my time there, I plan to return to the general community after completing my law degree. Further, I prefer a more rural setting, as opposed to practicing in a bigger city, such as Chicago.

Community Service/Extra-Curricular Activities
During my undergraduate career, I participated and held leadership positions on IWU's cheerleading team; was a member of Kappa Delta and helped coordinate service events for the Baby Fold; and was a member of Alpha Phi Omega and contributed to multiple of their service projects both locally and nationally.

Although difficult to do during a pandemic, I have attempted to volunteer myself during the beginning of my legal education. Currently, I am doing pro bono work approximately 5-10 hours per week for the Federal Defender's Office for the Southern District of Illinois in Benton, IL.

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