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Subject: Nomination for Unsung Hero Award

A copy of this e-mail has been sent to the State Bar of Michigan and to the nominator of the award.

Name of nominee: Mayra Lorenzana-Miles
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 Please explain the merits of your nomination, submit any supporting materials for your nominee by email, fax, or mail. Give specific examples.

Ms. Miles provides volunteer and pro bono legal services to a segment of the population in Southeast Michigan that would otherwise have no access to justice. As a fluent Spanish-speaker, she represents Hispanics who do not have English language skills. She also works for free quite often, and she mentors other lawyers who are trying to develop the abilities they need to serve the same community. Mayra is managing at least 12 pro bono cases at any given time, volunteering her time at least twice a month at Latino American for South Eastern Michigan (LA SED) and Latino Mission Society - Lutheran Church as well as answering phone calls from these organizations constantly. She specializes in immigration matters and has done more to minimize the suffering of families affected by deportation and status issues than any five lawyers I know, combined. Her achievements in this regard are all the more remarkable, considering she has been legally blind for most of her career. (A remission in her condition allows her to see with 20/50 acuity at present). Mayra is one of the founding members of the Hispanic Bar Association of Michigan, and she served as its president for many years, before she lost her sight.

 News/magazine articles/radio/TV programs about the nominee's accomplishments:

Unknown

 Awards nominee has received:

Unknown

Supporters of nomination: (In addition to stating the name here, supporting nomination letters should be e-mailed to Anne Smith at asmith@mail.michbar.org, faxed to her attention at (517) 372-2410, or sent by mail. Please note in your communication the name of the award and the nominee's name.

Name: Lawrence T. Garcia

Name: James L. Feinberg

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Name: Nelson Rosario

Name: David Maquera

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Additional remarks:

PLEASE contact me for further information. Mayra is an unsung hero who richly deserves recognition, and I would like a chance to do whatever I can to support this recommendation.