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**McLean Co. Bar Association To Receive Pro Bono Service Award
from Illinois State Bar Association**

The McLean County Bar Association, located in Bloomington, will receive the 2008 John C. McAndrews Pro Bono Service Award from the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) on Friday, June 27, at the organization's 132nd Annual Meeting in St. Louis.

The association is receiving the award for maintaining a pro bono plan with Prairie State Legal Services that served 89 clients in the past year.

Participating Bloomington-area lawyers contributed 919.65 hours of pro bono work, and reduced a waiting list of more than 100 underserved clients to only 26, including new cases.

The bar association also donated \$7,500 to Prairie State's Bloomington office, provided support and assistance to the Children's Home and Aid Society, and conducted a five-year People's Law School.

The award is named in memory of Rock Island attorney John McAndrews, who chaired the ISBA Committee on Delivery of Legal Services and received a Harry A. Blackmun Pro Bono Publico Award from Prairie State Legal Services before he died in 1993 of cancer.

The 35,000-member ISBA, with offices in Springfield and Chicago, provides professional services to Illinois lawyers, and education and services to the public.

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