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SIU Law Student to Receive State Bar Award

Andrea Taylor, of Murphysboro, a second-year student at Southern Illinois University School of Law, in Carbondale, has won the 2009 Law Student Division Public Service Award from the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA), and has designated The Women's Center in Carbondale as the recipient of the \$250 donation in her name that accompanies the honor.

She will receive the award at the ISBA's 133rd Annual Meeting at The Abbey in Fontana, Wis., on Friday, June 26.

A member of the ISBA's student chapter, Taylor is extremely active in several nonprofit organizations. She is chair of the Equal Justice Works student organization which recruits, trains and staffs law student volunteers to help pro se litigants better represent themselves in court. She also serves as the public relations coordinator for SIU's Self Help Legal Center.

Active in the Domestic Violence Legal Clinic on the SIU campus, she performs a variety of duties, including working closely with staff attorneys and advocates, maintaining statistical data and researching and analyzing legal issues. Prior to attending law school, she was a victim advocate at the Legal Advocates of Abused Women. She was also a victim advocate for St. Martha's Hall, a crisis hotline center in St. Louis.

Taylor has a master's degree in Theological Studies from Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Mo., and a bachelor's degree in Spanish from the University of Missouri, also in St. Louis.

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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