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Land of Lincoln Legal Aid, a legal aid provider in central and southern Illinois, is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year! As part of its celebration, Land of Lincoln is seeking nominations for awards to be given at its 50th Anniversary Party in Springfield, Illinois on Thursday, April 28, 2022.

One of the awards is named after our shareholder, Ann Hatch.

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M. Ann Hatch has been a licensed Illinois attorney since 1978. She began her career as a public defender before moving into civil litigation. She is currently a shareholder with Sandberg Phoenix and has tried more than 70 jury trials. Ms. Hatch has served on Land of Lincoln Legal Aid's Board of Directors for several decades and was its President from 2011 until 2016. She helped raise more than \$3 million for its successful Bringing Justice Home Campaign and continues to fundraise on its behalf. Ms. Hatch has served on the Board of Directors for CASA of Southwestern Illinois for more than 20 years and is its current President. She was the first woman President of the St. Clair County Bar Association. She was a recipient of the Illinois Bar Foundation's Distinguished Service to Law & Society Award, The Judge Richard A. Hudlin Memorial Award for Community Service from the St. Clair County Bar Association, and the Missouri Lawyers Weekly ICON Award.

If you are interested in submitting, a letter of nomination outlining why the individual or group is a good candidate for the award should be emailed to Clarissa Gaff, Executive Director, at [cgaff@lincolnlegal.org](mailto:cgaff@lincolnlegal.org) no later than February 21, 2022.

#### About Land of Lincoln Legal Aid

Land of Lincoln Legal Aid provides free civil legal services to low-income persons, senior citizens, veterans and active military in 65 counties in central and southern Illinois, with the belief that all Illinoisans should have access to justice, income security, adequate housing, quality education, healthcare, safety from violence and exploitation, and the opportunity to improve their own lives.

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