



THE SUPREME COURT OF MINNESOTA
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September 11, 2023

Mark Vavreck
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Dear Mr. Vavreck:

The Minnesota State Bar Association Access to Justice Committee brought to my attention a small number of attorneys whose commitment to pro bono has been exceptional. You are one of those few.

I am writing to thank you for your extraordinary service representing Minnesotans in need of legal help. What is particularly impressive is your passion for assisting low-income clients, going above and beyond the scope of your responsibilities to make the legal system accessible to those who are less familiar with the process. The relief you bring to clients and your commitment to listening to them through the variety of challenges they're facing is having a positive impact in both their lives and in the community.

Equal justice under the law is the most fundamental promise of our justice system. A judicial system that is accessible only to those who can afford it does not keep that promise. Minnesota's lawyers have acknowledged their role in ensuring equal access to justice, and it is lawyers like you who help to make that promise a reality.

On behalf of the Justices of the Minnesota Supreme Court and of all Judges across the State of Minnesota, I thank you for the pro bono services you provide. You are answering the highest calling of our profession by helping to make equal access to justice a reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lorie S. Gildea".

Lorie S. Gildea
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June 23, 2020

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Dear Mr. Vavreck:

The Minnesota State Bar Association Access to Justice Committee brought to my attention a small number of attorneys whose commitment to pro bono has been exceptional. You are one of those few.

I am writing to thank you for your extraordinary service representing Minnesotans in need of legal help. What is particularly impressive is your commitment to providing meaningful access to justice as one of Legal Assistance of Dakota County's most consistent and enthusiastic volunteer attorneys, volunteering every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at their Consumer Law Clinic in Apple Valley. I understand that you provide advice and brief services on a multitude of civil issues that impact low-income people, tackling legal issues that range from debts to car deals gone wrong, from fraud to foreclosure, and bankruptcy to property transfers, with ease and empathy. Your leadership and compassion set a shining example for all in the legal profession.

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April 19, 2011

Mark L. Vavreck
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Dear Mr. Vavreck:

The Minnesota State Bar Association (through the Judiciary Subcommittee of its Legal Assistance to the Disadvantaged Committee) brought to my attention a small number of attorneys whose commitment to pro bono has been exceptional. You are one of those few.

I am writing to thank you for your extraordinary service representing Minnesotans in need of legal help. The legal needs of the poor have expanded dramatically in these difficult economic times. At the same time, resources for legal services providers are shrinking. Your pro bono work has helped to bridge this gap. Specifically, your efforts in providing debt collection advice and representation, and providing legal education sessions to senior citizens on debtors' rights are commendable.

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On my own behalf, on behalf of the other Justices of the Minnesota Supreme Court, and on behalf of all Judges across the State of Minnesota, I thank you for the pro bono services you provide. We thank you for becoming part of the solution and answering the highest calling of our profession by helping to make equal access to justice a reality.

Very truly yours,

Lorie S. Gildea
Chief Justice