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Forty Under 40 Selection Committee
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Re: William J. Miller

Dear Committee Members:

Few business leaders would be more deserving of receiving the Forty Under 40 award than Bill Miller. Bill served as my law clerk on the Supreme Court ten years ago, and I have enjoyed watching his legal career soar since that time.

Bill is not just an attorney in his community; he is a leader in his community who is devoted to his profession. He actively serves the Iowa State Bar Association through his membership on the Board of Governors and numerous important committees. Bill also serves in leadership positions in other legal organizations. In this work, Bill has been instrumental in helping the Iowa Supreme Court to successfully launch its new business court last year. He also stepped forward during the last two judicial retention elections to advocate for fair and impartial courts and to increase public understanding of our courts. He was particularly helpful to me through his offers of assistance and counsel during these times.

Bill is also actively involved in advocating for greater access to justice for the poor. He not only graciously gives his own services to the needy; he also serves on the Board of Directors of the Polk County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project. Additionally, he coordinates his law firm's pro bono program. Too many people in Iowa do not have access to our legal system because they cannot afford legal representation. The devoted efforts by Bill to provide these pro bono legal services are not only commendable, they make a real difference in helping to solve the problem.

Bill is also involved in several civic and neighborhood activities. Importantly, he is involved in these activities for the right reasons. He cares for others, and he cares deeply about justice.

Bill is a very smart, caring, and capable lawyer who serves his clients with distinction every day, but always leaves time to serve his community and profession. He does the type of work that truly makes a difference in the community and in the lives of others. It is the type of work that deserves recognition.

Please feel free to call me at any time if you have any questions or would like further information.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark S. Cady". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark S. Cady
Chief Justice