



## BRISTOL LAW SOCIETY ANNUAL AWARDS 2011 NOMINATION FORM AND AWARD DETAILS

### Dear Friends

I am delighted to invite you to join me, the officers and Council and all our sponsors and guests to celebrate the legal achievements of those who contribute to ensuring Bristol is a leading centre of legal excellence. This year the awards dinner promises to be a fantastic evening.

2011 has been a year of strengthening our strategic partnerships for Bristol Law Society and we are very grateful for all the support we have received from various organisations throughout the year.

Thank you once again to our main dinner sponsors, UWE, for their vital and continued support to our Society.

Please use this nomination form as on our website at [www.bristollawsociety.com](http://www.bristollawsociety.com) to put forward a member of your team, colleague, boss or whoever for one of our award categories. We have a fine judging panel and it is a great opportunity to reflect and highlight the excellence of the local legal profession in our city.

I look forward to seeing you on 14th October.

Yours sincerely,

**Simon Staples**  
President



## Award categories & sponsors

The table below lists the award categories and judging criteria:

| AWARD   | DESCRIPTION   |
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| <b>Legal Aid Firm of the Year</b><br><i>Sponsored by The Law Society of England and Wales</i> | A category dedicated to those firms or legal advice centres who have continued to provide outstanding and dedicated publicly funded services to their clients in the face of adversity.   |
| <b>Pro Bono Award</b><br><i>Sponsored by Smith &amp; Williamson</i>                           | An award dedicated to a firm or individual in our legal Community who has demonstrated a continued passion and dedication to providing pro bono services.   |
| <b>Junior Lawyer of the Year Award</b><br><i>Sponsored by Scott Law</i>                       | This award is intended for trainee solicitors and solicitors up to five years PQE. The award shall be granted to a junior lawyer who has shown exceptional dedication and endeavours to enter the profession and qualify as a solicitor and/or has made a significant contribution either to their firm or otherwise in the early part of their career. |
| <b>Regional Law Firm of the Year</b><br><i>Sponsored by Chadwick Nott</i>                     | This award is intended for a local firm within the boundaries of Bristol Law Society and shall be awarded to a firm that is able to demonstrate a significant contribution either to the law or local legal community, its employees or otherwise.  |
| <b>Law Firm of the Year</b><br><i>Sponsored by Lloyds TSB Commercial</i>                      | This award is intended for a local firm which is able to demonstrate excellence and endeavour which have been recognised both locally and nationally. It is envisaged that this award could be awarded for specific work, involvement with a "headline" case or otherwise.  |
| <b>Outstanding Achievement Award</b><br><i>Sponsored by 360 Legal Group</i>                   | This award is intended for either an individual or firm that has demonstrated exceptional contribution to their firm and clients.   |
| <b>Environment and Legal Sector Alliance Award</b><br><i>Sponsored by Wessex Searches</i>     | This award is awarded to the firm which is able to demonstrate a commitment to improving and reducing their carbon footprint and a dedicated recognition and commitment to environmental and green issues.  |
| <b>Barrister or Chambers of the Year</b><br><i>Sponsored by ARAG Legal Services</i>           | This award is intended to either an individual barrister or set of chambers located in or around Bristol, which has demonstrated a commitment and significant contribution to Bristol Law Society members and the local legal sector.   |
| <b>In-House Lawyer of the Year Award</b><br><i>Sponsored by Giles Insurance</i>               | This award is intended for an individual, firm or set of chambers that has demonstrated a commitment and outstanding contribution to in house legal services.   |
| <b>ILEX Award</b><br><i>Sponsored by ADRg</i>   | This award goes to an individual who has shown real commitment to qualification as a Legal Executive.   |



## Section 1 Award Category

Please tick your chosen category. You may enter more than one category. Each entry will require a separate form.

### Awards

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Aid Firm of the Year      | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Achievement Award               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pro Bono Award                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment and Legal Sector Alliance Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Lawyer of the Year Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Barrister or Chambers of the Year           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Law Firm of the Year   | <input type="checkbox"/> In-House Lawyer of the Year Award           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law Firm of the Year            | <input type="checkbox"/> ILEX Award                                  |

## Section 2 Contact Details

Please ensure that the name of the organisation and/or individual nominated is correct.

Name of nominated firm/organisation/individual: .....

Address: .....

..... Post Code: .....

Telephone: ..... Fax: ..... Email: .....

Name of person completing form (if different from above): .....

Position in firm/organisation: .....

Contact Details (if different from above): .....

Address: .....

..... Post Code: .....

Telephone: ..... Fax: ..... Email: .....

## Section 3 Submission Details

Please write full details of why the entry should be considered for the chosen award. Nominations should not exceed 4 A4 pages but accompanying documentation of another 4 pages will be allowed. It would be helpful if the submission could consider the following points:

- Outline of initiatives / action undertaken
- Background to why initiatives / action undertaken
- Significance of issues addressed
- Benefits to the individual, practice or organisation
- Evidence of impact on others

Please also provide details of any third party who may be contacted to provide objective verification of the initiatives / action undertaken



## Section 4 Submission Summary

Please summarise the key points of the submission in no more than 50 words. This description will be used in publicity material if your entry is shortlisted.

## Section 5 Declaration

To the best of my knowledge the information given in this form is correct at the time of writing and can be substantiated if required.

Name: .....

Signature: ..... Date: .....

Position in firm/organisation: .....

## Terms and Conditions

1. The nominations will be judged by specialist judges appointed by the President of the Bristol Law Society. The judges' decision is final and awards will be made at their sole discretion. We regret that feedback on individual nominations will not be provided. Not all awards advertised will be awarded if the judges decide that the criteria have not been met.
2. Winners of each category will receive a trophy, certificate and BLS logo for use on their marketing materials and website.
3. You may nominate yourself/your own organisation or another individual/organisation. Submissions must relate to activities or initiatives conducted in the twelve months prior to the closing date.
4. All entries must be accompanied by a clear and concise submission or supporting statement. Independent verification from a third party may be conducted. Shortlisted entrants may be asked to provide additional information.
5. The content of any entry may be used for publicity purposes unless the entrant withholds their consent to this in writing.
6. Entrants will be deemed to have accepted these terms and conditions and to have agreed to be bound by them when entering the competition.
7. The closing date for nominations is 30 September 2011.

All completed nominations are to be sent to Bristol Law Society, The Law Library, Small Street, Bristol, BS1 1DA. DX 78111 Bristol. If you have any queries please contact the office on 0117 976 3087. Unsigned entries will not be accepted.

Number of sheets attached: .....

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