

BRISTOL LAW SOCIETY LEGAL AWARDS 2014

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Do you know someone deserving of an award?

If yes, Bristol Law Society want to hear from you.

There are 12 award categories for which you are invited to nominate (see page 2 for details).
Nominations from within or outside your own organisation are welcome.

Winners will be announced at our Annual Awards Dinner at the Bristol Marriott Hotel City Centre on Thursday 23rd October 2014. **Deadline for Nominations:** 4pm on Friday 26th September 2014

How to Nominate

Step 1: Download this form from www.bristollawsociety.com print, complete and send a hard copy to Bristol Law Society, The Law Library, The Law Courts, Small Street, Bristol, BS1 1DA or DX: Bristol 78111 or type into the form, save and attach completed form to an email to events@bristollawsociety.com

Step 2: Please put forward just ONE name of an individual or organisation in the relevant categories on page 2 of this form. You can nominate yourself/your own organisation or another individual/organisation. Only firms and individuals practising in Bristol and Bath are eligible to enter.

The Judging Panel will consider: Innovation, creativity, exceptional conduct, dedication, commitment to clients and colleagues, determination and drive, high professional standards, outstanding contribution to the profession or wider community, reputation, acumen, experience, professionalism, leadership, energy and going 'beyond the call of duty'.

Please set out your reasons for each nomination on a separate sheet which please attach to this form (maximum 500 words per nomination).

Nominations must relate to achievements between 1st September 2013 to 31st August 2014 only.

Please include your name and work contact details and all nominations need to be signed before submission.

Step 3: Nominations will be judged by a specialist panel selected by the Bristol Law Society President. Short listed entrants may be asked to provide additional information.

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1. Law Student of the Year

Awarded to a law student who has shown exceptional endeavour and commitment to their studies of the law and has achieved outstanding results in academia and extra curricular activities

2. Support Team Member of the Year

Awarded to an individual who has shown exceptional support in the delivery of legal services and who has demonstrated that they have gone above and beyond normal standards in their contribution to the firm and or commitment and dedication to clients and the legal sector

3. Junior Lawyer of the Year

Awarded to a junior lawyer (paralegal, trainee solicitor and any solicitor up to 5 years PQE) who can show exceptional endeavour and has made a significant impact both within their firm and in the legal sector in the early part of their career

4. Chartered Legal Executive of the Year

Awarded to an exceptional Legal Executive or Trainee Legal Executive who has made an outstanding contribution either to their firm and or client work and the legal sector

5. Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year

Awarded to a firm or individual who can demonstrate a strong and dedicated commitment to the supply of pro bono work for the benefit of individuals organisations and the region

6. CSR Firm or Individual of the Year

Awarded to an individual or firm who has shown notable commitment to supporting causes or projects in their region

7. Barrister or Chambers of the Year

Awarded to an individual Barrister who is able to demonstrate an outstanding contribution and or significant impact in their client work or a Chambers that is able to demonstrate excellence and innovation in the provision of legal services and stand out amongst other Chambers

8. Bristol Solicitor of the Year

Awarded to an exceptional solicitor who has made an outstanding contribution either to their firm, client work or the legal sector in Bristol. This award may include solicitor advocates who can demonstrate excellence in advocacy, in house solicitors and sole practitioners

9. Bristol Law Firm of the Year (up to 15 partners)

Awarded to a firm that is able to demonstrate excellence in the provision of legal services which has been recognised either regionally or nationally or a firm that has seen significant development during the year

10. Bristol Law Firm of the Year (over 15 partners)

Awarded to a firm that is able to demonstrate excellence in the provision of legal services which has been recognised either regionally or nationally or a firm that has seen significant development during the year

11. Bath Law Firm or Solicitor of the Year

Awarded to a Bath firm that is able to demonstrate excellence in the provision of legal services or to an exceptional solicitor who has made an outstanding contribution either to their firm, client work or the legal sector in Bath.

12. President's Outstanding Achievement Award

Awarded to an individual who has demonstrated an exceptional contribution to the legal sector, their firm and or clients during their career

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Position Organisation

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CSR Firm or Individual of the Year

Individual nominated

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Barrister or Chambers of the Year

Individual nominated

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Bristol Solicitor of the Year

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Reasons for Award Nominations

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Nomination Declaration Terms & Conditions

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Your name.....

Position Organisation

Email

Telephone Number

Signature Date

Terms and Conditions

The nominations will be judged by a panel of judges selected by the President of Bristol Law Society. The judges' decision is final and awards will be made at their sole discretion. Feedback on individual nominations will not be provided. Not all awards advertised will be awarded if the judges decide the criteria has not been met.

- Winners of each category will receive a trophy and BLS award winners logo for use on their marketing materials and website.
- The content of any entry may be used for publicity purposes unless the entrant withholds their consent to this in writing.
- Entrants will be deemed to have accepted these terms and conditions and to have agreed to be bound by them when entering the competition.
- The closing date for nominations is 26th September 2014.
- Unsigned entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Judging Panel.
- Award entries will remain confidential to Bristol Law Society and the Judging Panel and where appropriate the Law Society. (For the purposes of the National Excellence Awards 2015 only).

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