DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO DESERVES AN AWARD?

If so, Bristol Law Society would like to hear from you.

There are 12 award categories for which you are invited to nominate (see page 2 for details).

Nominations for yourself, and/or your own or another team/organisation are welcome.

The winners will be announced at our Annual Awards Dinner at the Bristol Marriott Hotel City Centre on Thursday 19th October 2017.

Deadline for Nominations: 4pm on 20th July 2017.

HOW TO NOMINATE

For EACH nomination, please send ONE email setting out all the following information to nominations@bristollawsociety.com

1. Category: State full title of Award
2. Nominee: Person/Team/Organisation. When nominating an individual, state their full name, role and organisation
3. Summary: Provide a 50 word summary of your nomination – this will be used in publicity material for shortlisted nominees
4. Reason: In 750 words or under (Please note we do not accept supporting documents)
5. Nominator: State full name, role and organisation and confirm that you have sought and received the permission of the nominated entrant

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

• Nominations must relate to achievements between 1st September 2016 to 31st August 2017 only (excluding the President’s Outstanding Achievement Award).
• Only organisations, teams and individuals practising in the Bristol and Bath area are eligible to enter.
• You can nominate yourself, your team or your own organisation or another individual, team or organisation.
• Council members of Bristol Law Society are not eligible to be nominated for an award, however they may nominate other individuals, teams and organisations in each category.
• The closing date for nominations is 4pm 20th July 2017.
• Please note that we will only accept one nomination per category in each email and the word limit of 750 will be enforced. Any reasons not contained within the first 750 words will not be considered.
• Any nomination submission that does not meet the awards criteria will not be accepted (this includes postal or hand-written nominations)
• Where necessary, some nominations may require additional verification to ensure the individual, team or organisation being nominated meets the criteria set out in each category.
• Entrants will be deemed to have accepted these terms and conditions and to have agreed to be bound by them when entering the competition.
• Bristol Law Society will accept your email as confirmation of the validity of the contents.
• The content of any entry may be used for publicity purposes unless the entrant withholds their consent in writing.
• Award entries will remain confidential to Bristol Law Society and the Judging Panel until the Annual Awards Dinner.
• Winners of each category will receive a trophy and BLS award logo for use on their marketing materials and website.

If you require further information, please contact Bristol Law Society at nominations@bristollawsociety.com or 0117 945 8486
JUDGING PROCEDURES

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 nominations will not be provided. Not all awards advertised will be awarded if the judges decide the criteria have not been met.

By way of additional guidance to the criteria set out in each award definition we confirm that the sort of factors the judging panel will consider include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Demonstrating excellence in a chosen field of law including commitment to, and evidence of impact, on clients and recognition among clients and peers alike as a leader in that field
2. Involvement in relevant professional bodies including office holder/stakeholder status
3. Active involvement in community projects and making contributions to the wider local society
4. Evidence of ‘trailblazer’ activities and innovation
5. Longevity of experience and excellence in service delivery and professional conduct
6. Exceptional achievement in and promotion of the local legal community and Bristol as a business and legal centre of excellence

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 or within their organisation 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, employees and internal support services

3. JUNIOR LAWYER OF THE YEAR
Awarded to a junior lawyer (paralegal, legal apprentice, trainee solicitor, any grade of CILEx below FCILEx 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. PRO BONO LAWYER OF THE YEAR
Awarded to an individual who can demonstrate a strong and dedicated commitment to the supply of pro bono work either long-term or from a single outstanding case, for the benefit of individuals, organisations and the region

5. CSR FIRM OF THE YEAR
Awarded to a firm who has shown notable commitment to supporting causes or projects in the region

6. BARRISTER OF THE YEAR
Awarded to an individual barrister who is able to demonstrate an outstanding contribution and/or significant impact in their client work including pro bono activities

7. CHAMBERS OF THE YEAR
Awarded to a chambers that is able to demonstrate excellence and innovation in the provision of legal services above and beyond their colleagues in the field including CSR activities. This year in addition to the usual nomination process, an additional voting process will open for all nominated Chambers to allow local instructing lawyers and clients to vote for their preference. The results will then be considered as part of the normal judging process.

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

9. TEAM OF THE YEAR
Awarded to a legal or support team from private practice, chambers, or in-house in commerce or public service that has made an outstanding contribution either in their organisation or to their clients or legal sector

10. 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

11. 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

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