



2019

BRISTOL
LAW SOCIETY

ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Thursday 24th October 2019
Bristol Marriott Hotel City Centre

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BRISTOL LAW SOCIETY'S FLAGSHIP EVENT

Recognising the excellence
of the legal profession in the area

Champagne Reception
4 course dinner with wine

A four-course Black Tie Dinner with wine will be followed by the prestigious awards ceremony in honour of the local legal profession

This year's chosen charity is **Barton Camp**,
home to The Bristol Children's Help Society

Champagne Reception: 6.15pm

Dinner: 7.15pm

Carriages: 1am

Venue: Bristol Marriott Hotel City Centre

Booking Form: www.bristollawsociety.com



Dear friends and colleagues

It is with great pleasure, as President of Bristol Law Society, that I invite you to the Society's tenth Annual Awards Dinner.

This is our most popular event of the year where we come together to celebrate the success of organisations, teams and individuals who have excelled.

Our region continues to go from strength to strength as our sector continues to diversify and adapt to market challenges. During my 6 months as President I have been particularly impressed to learn about all the time and financial support which is devoted to supporting those who are less fortunate. This is something that we should be very proud of as a profession.

We are also a region that is buzzing with an appetite for innovation and embracing technological opportunities. One of my goals for my Presidential year is to create greater collaboration between our thriving Legal and Technology sectors to create a nationally and internationally recognised LegalTech community. We will be recognising innovation with the creation of a new award at this year's dinner.

We are incredibly grateful for your continued support of Bristol Law Society, the oldest local Law Society in the country, which represents over 4,500 members and their interests. BLS is considered to be one of the leading local Law Societies and this is thanks to our staff and Council members who work tirelessly to ensure that this Society remains relevant and beneficial to our members. We could not make this investment without the continued support from our members, strategic partners, sponsors and supporters.

I would like to thank UWV particularly as our lead sponsor for the Dinner, but also to all of our other sponsors for their involvement with the Dinner and with the Society throughout the year for which, on behalf of the Society, I am most grateful.

The Dinner is also an opportunity for us to support my chosen charity for this year, the Bristol Children's Help Society. This charity supports young children from the most disadvantaged backgrounds in our region. They give them a valuable opportunity to extend their horizons beyond the deprivation in which many of them live. This is achieved through the provision of respite and study breaks which have been provided at Barton Camp since 1890. Founded in 1884, they have provided more than 100,000 children with this valuable opportunity to enjoy a break from what are often very difficult home circumstances.

It has been a privilege and an honour to have served as your President thus far and I look forward to seeing you at the Dinner.

Thank you

Nicholas Lee
President, Bristol Law Society

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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/or extra curricular activities

PRO BONO LAWYER OF THE YEAR

Awarded to an individual (paralegal, legal apprentice, trainee solicitor, any grade of CILEx/FCILEx, barrister and any solicitor) who has demonstrated 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

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

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

DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND WELLBEING AWARD

Awarded to a team or organisation from private practice, chambers or in-house in the private or public sector who can showcase successful and innovative examples of the promotion of diversity, inclusion and social mobility within their organisations and/or those who have demonstrated a strong commitment to providing or promoting an inclusive working environment that supports the mental and physical wellbeing of its people as a core value of its business culture

LEGAL INNOVATORS AWARD

This award recognises law firms, in-house teams and Chambers that are innovating and changing the way legal products and services are delivered (both internally and to the client), or shifting business models to meet changing client demands. Please outline in your submission (i) the idea/innovation and the target market (ii) how the original idea was conceived, who was involved and how the idea developed into the final solution (iii) how the idea was evaluated, tested and trialled during the development process (iv) the tangible and intangible results which have been achieved and how these have been measured and (v) what you have learned from the experience. Please note that this award recognises both technology and non-tech based initiatives

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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 CE/CSR/Responsible Business activities. 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

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR

Awarded to a firm that has shown a notable CE/CSR/Responsible Business commitment to supporting causes or projects in the region. Regard will be had to championing those who can demonstrate a meaningful and sustainable impact on their chosen cause/communities

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

LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR (UP TO 20 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

TEAM OF THE YEAR

Awarded to a legal or support team from private practice, chambers, or in-house in private or public sector that has made an outstanding contribution either in their organisation or to their clients or legal sector

LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR (OVER 20 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

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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