



# ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

#BLSAwards2022

Thursday 3rd November 2022

Bristol Marriott Hotel City Centre

Our Charity





BRISTOL  
LAW SOCIETY

2022

# BRISTOL LAW SOCIETY'S FLAGSHIP EVENT

Recognising the excellence  
of the legal profession in the area

Drinks Reception  
Four-Course Dinner with Wine

Four-Course Dinner with Wine will be followed  
by the prestigious awards ceremony in honour of the local  
legal profession

This year's chosen charity is the Bristol Drug Project

**Drinks Reception:** 6.15pm

**Dinner:** 7.15pm

**Carriages:** 1am

**Venue:** Bristol Marriott Hotel City Centre

**Booking Form:** [www.bristollawsociety.com](http://www.bristollawsociety.com)



## Friends and Colleagues

In another first for Bristol Law Society, it is with immense pleasure as its first Co-Presidents, we invite you to the Society's Annual Awards Dinner 2022.

Our Awards Dinner is the event of the year in Bristol's legal calendar, and if you are lucky enough to get a ticket, it is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate not only the award winners, but all that you as our members do to support the community that we all work and live in.

We have both had a frenzied start to our Co-Presidency, juggling parenthood and partnership. In the short time that we have been in office, Bristol Law Society's team of volunteers and incredible staff have helped to support change in our wonderful City and amongst our members as we all grapple with the rapidly evolving legal and working landscape. It becomes increasingly clear to us as we speak to members and associated organisations that there is so much to be gained from collaboration to resolve some of our shared challenges and to grasp the opportunities to ensure the local sector remains vibrant, attractive, and accessible to all who want to work in it and access its services.

To that end, we have set up a climate and net zero group to help our members become more sustainable, we have supported our Ukrainian colleagues working within the local legal sector through a new cross firm support network initiative, we have organised social events to bring people back together to network and socialise, and our programme of nearly weekly webinars continues relentlessly.

The Awards evening is an opportunity to support Edd's chosen charity of the year, the Bristol Drug Project. BDP is a charity providing harm reduction and treatment services to people experiencing problems with drugs and alcohol. It provides outreach and in-reach support to help adults reduce the harm drugs and alcohol can cause and offers support for people as well as working in partnership with GP practices to dispense detoxes and opioid substitutes in the community. BDP makes an enormous difference to an oft ignored part of our city.

We would like to thank all our sponsors and supporters, our thousands of members, and our council members without whom this event and all that we do on your behalf would not be possible.

It has been an honour for us to be Co-Presidents, but there is even more to come of both of us, so we look forward to seeing you at the Awards Dinner.

Thank you

**Edd Thompson & Erin Sawyer**  
Co-Presidents, Bristol Law Society



AWARDS



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Take a look at our Nomination Form for full Award criteria

### 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 whether 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 [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

### 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 OF THE YEAR

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 INNOVATOR AWARD OF THE YEAR

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 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. Points to consider may include strategic growth, key work highlights, technology and innovation, EDI initiatives around talent attraction, progression and retention and Community Engagement and pro bono activities

### SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

This award recognises the law firm, chambers or in-house team, which has demonstrated the strongest commitment over the last 12 months to improving the environmental sustainability of its operations and activities

### 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, 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

### 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

### 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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**VIP RECEPTION**  
LEAP

**MAIN RECEPTION**  
ST JOHN'S CHAMBERS

**WINE**  
CONSCIOUS

**TWITTER SCREEN AND TABLE PLAN**  
MILSTED LANGDON

**FLOWERS**  
QUEEN SQUARE CHAMBERS

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