



SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT LAW SOCIETY ANNUAL AWARDS 2020

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Nominations for the Sheffield and District Law Society awards are now open

Sheffield & District Law Society's Annual Dinner will be awarding the best and brightest this year!

This year the society have decided to do something different at its annual dinner and give out four awards. Members of the Society will put forward their nominations and these will then be voted on by a panel of judges who are unconnected to the awards.

This will be a celebration of Sheffield's brightest and best lawyers, and their achievements over the past year.

Don't miss out on your chance to put forward your nominations.



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HOW TO ENTER

Go to www.sheffieldlawsociety.co.uk

- **Ensure you are a member of the Sheffield & District Law Society.**
- Read the four categories of awards and decide which award you would like to nominate for. You can enter as many awards as you would like.
- Submit relevant information according to the criteria (please see each individual award as the criteria differs for each one).
- Written entries should be between 250 and 1,000 words. Anything submitted below or above these thresholds will not be considered.
- Ensure your award is submitted by 5pm on 20 December 2019.
- Ensure your award is sent to Elizabeth@sheffieldlawsociety.co.uk



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CATEGORIES

Firm of the Year

Criteria:

Who's flying the flag for Sheffield & District and making a notable impact in regional, national and international markets? This award is open to firms that are based in South Yorkshire and are members of the Sheffield & District Law Society .

They will be judged according to the following criteria:

- Training initiatives and accreditations received or being worked towards – For example, Investors in People
- Demonstrable appreciation or recognition by clients
- Dedication to development and welfare of staff
- Client initiatives that you feel have set the firm apart from the rest
- Contribution to the legal community
- Recognition received from other firms
- Contribution to the community including pro-bono work
- Please remember to state how many partners you have based in Yorkshire

Please also inform us of anything else that you feel is particularly noteworthy but is not covered in the above criteria

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CATEGORIES

Partner of the Year

Criteria:

Open to partners of law firms across Sheffield & District and members of the Sheffield & District Law Society . This award will be judged according to the following criteria:

- Evidence of contribution to the success of their practice in the last 12 months', both in fee earning and other areas, such as marketing or setting up new projects which have benefitted the firm
- Demonstrable expertise in field of work
- Evidence of a growing reputation or maintaining their standing as a leader in their field
- Dedication to clients
- Demonstrable work to help/mentor junior staff
- Contribution to the community, including pro-bono work

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CATEGORIES

Team of the Year

Criteria:

This award is open to any teams who work within the Sheffield & District area and are members of the Sheffield & District Law Society. They will be judged according to the following criteria:

- Entrants should show how they perform essential legal work for their employer
- They should be able to demonstrate how they add value to the business or organisation
- Examples of a clear commitment to excellence, quality and innovation
- How has their work been recognised and appreciated by the local legal and business community?
- How have they positively contributed to the general legal community?

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CATEGORIES

Fee-earner of the Year

Criteria:

Open to all Fee-earners based in the Sheffield & District area and members of the Sheffield Law Society. The winner of this award will be decided by the judging panel prior to the awards ceremony

The judges will be looking for a fee-earner who has made outstanding contributions to the region within the past 12 months. They will have contributed to the success of their practice, be a strong team player and will have demonstrated that they are committed to excellence in all that they do

Please note that you are unable to nominate yourself for this special award.

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WHY ENTER?

- You will be the holder of a prestigious Sheffield & District Law Society award 2020.
- Boost staff morale. Acknowledging top performers can have an encouraging effect on morale, motivation and retention.
- Reflect on your success. The nomination process provides the opportunity to reflect on your strengths and consider areas for improvement.
- Promote your business. Winning these awards are a fun and new way to promote your company and show off your success.



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HOW TO PERFECT YOUR ENTRY

Check the criteria

- Read the category and check that your nomination covers each of the requirements.
- Start early. Give yourself plenty of time to evaluate the criteria for the categories you are entering and to provide a well-written nomination in the time available.
- Provide evidence. Include as many results and evidence of success as you can.
- Keep it simple. Write clearly and concisely so that the judges can quickly understand the points that you are making. Do not go over the word count.
- Consult with the relevant team. When submitting a team entry ensure that the team contributes to the nomination and provide clear evidence for the judging panel.



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