



Annual Dinner & Awards 2023

Entry Pack



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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 again this year!

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 and its districts, brightest and best lawyers, and their achievements over the past year.

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

HOW TO ENTER

Go to www.sheffieldlawsociety.co.uk

- **Ensure you are a member of the Sheffield & District Law Society.**
- Read the full list of categories for 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 Friday 16th December 2022 at 5pm for last entry
- Ensure your award is sent to Elizabeth@sheffieldlawsociety.co.uk



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Partner of the Year

Open to partners at law firms across Yorkshire. 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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Residential Property *Team of the year*

This category is open to individual and team nominations. This award is specifically for those who have a practice in real estate and will be judged according to the following criteria:

- Demonstrable achievement in your area of practice and the capacity in which you were involved.
- Demonstrable dedication to your clients.
- Stand out from colleagues as a lawyer who has made a significant impact, taking into account notable obstacles that you have overcome.
- None fee-earning, but work-related activities, such as marketing, establishing new initiatives and broader contribution to the profession.
- Contribution to the community.

Commercial Property *Team of the year*

This category is open to individual and team nominations. This award is specifically for those who have a practice in real estate and will be judged according to the following criteria:

- Demonstrable achievement in your area of practice and the capacity in which you were involved.
- Demonstrable dedication to your clients.
- Stand out from colleagues as a lawyer who has made a significant impact, taking into account notable obstacles that you have overcome.
- Demonstrable appreciation/recognition of your work by clients/colleagues.
- Non-fee earning, but work-related activities, such as marketing, establishing new initiatives and broader contribution to the profession.
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Employment *Team of the year*

This award is open to all individuals and teams specialising in employment law and will be judged according to the following criteria:

- The quality of legal services offered, both in terms of significant cases and a clear dedication to clients.
- Displaying an innovative and flexible approach to changes in the legal market.
- Examples of how their work has been recognised/appreciated by the Yorkshire legal and business community.
- Examples of excellence in non-fee earning, but work-related activities – such as marketing, establishing new initiatives and a broader contribution to the profession.
- Contribution to the community, including pro-bono work.

Private Client *Team of the year*

This category is open to individual and team nominations, for those who do legal work for private clients in private practices. The award will be judged according to the following criteria:

- Demonstrable achievement in your area of practice and the capacity in which you were involved.

Demonstrable dedication to your clients.

- Stand out from colleagues as a lawyer who has made a significant impact, taking into account notable obstacles that you have overcome.
- Demonstrable appreciation/recognition of your work by clients/colleagues.
- Non-fee earning, but work-related activities, such as marketing, establishing new initiatives and broader contribution to the profession.
- Contribution to the community including pro-bono work.



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Family Law *Team of the year*

This category is open to individual and team nominations. This award is specifically for those who have a practice in any area of family law. The award will be judged to the following criteria:

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- Demonstrable dedication to your clients.
- Stand out from colleagues as a lawyer who has made a significant impact, taking into account notable obstacles that you have overcome.
- Demonstrable appreciation/recognition of your work by clients/colleagues.
- Non-fee earning, but work related activities, such as marketing, establishing new initiatives and broader contribution to the profession.
- Contribution to the community, including pro-bono work.

Crime *Team of the year*

This category is open to individual and team nominations. This award is specifically for those who have a practice in any area of criminal law. The award will be judged to the following criteria:

- Demonstrable achievements for clients if a defendant and clear examples of pursuing worthwhile cases if a prosecutor.
- Demonstrable outstanding knowledge of the field which has been recognised by colleagues and peers.
- Innovative working practices to cope with cuts in legal fees, court fees and court closures.
- Extra credit will be given for having made a significant impact in the last 12 months.
- Non-fee earning, but work related activities, such as marketing, establishing new initiatives and broader contribution to the profession.
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Legal Aid

Team of the year

Access to justice is a fundamental right and legal aid performs a crucial role in providing fair and equal access to those most at risk of being excluded from our legal system.

Many people are finding it more difficult to access legal representation because of the growing gaps in the provision of services, so this award celebrates the teams, firms and organisations of legal aid providers and others who go above and beyond to combat this issue.

The judges want to see evidence of:

- A proactive approach to tackling access to justice issues.
- Identifying needs and demonstrating benefits to clients.
- Demonstrable achievement in your area of practice and the capacity in which you were involved.
- Demonstrable dedication to your clients.
- Notable obstacles that you have overcome.
- None fee-earning, but work-related activities, such as marketing, establishing new initiatives and broader contribution to the profession.
- Contribution to the community.



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Corporate & Commercial *Team of the year*

This category is open to individual and team nominations. This award is specifically for those who have a practice in corporate, finance or non-contentious commercial law and will be judged according to the following criteria:

- Demonstrable achievement in your area of practice and the capacity in which you were involved.
- Demonstrable dedication to your clients.
- Stand out from colleagues as a lawyer who has made a significant impact, taking into account notable obstacles that you have overcome.
- Demonstrable appreciation/recognition of your work by clients/colleagues.
- Non-fee earning, but work related activities, such as marketing, establishing new initiatives and broader contribution to the profession.
- Contribution to the community, including pro-bono work.

Niche *Law Firm of the year*

This award is open to law firms that practice in a clearly identifiable niche area of the law and will be judged according to the following criteria:

- Demonstrable appreciation or recognition by clients.
- Dedication to development and welfare of staff.
- Client initiatives that you feel have set you apart from the rest.
- Contribution to the legal community.
- Recognition received from other firms.
- Contribution to the local community such as pro-bono work.

Rising Star of the year

This award will be judged according to the following criteria:

- Maximum age at ceremony: 35 years.
- Demonstrable involvement in interesting, challenging or new areas of law and the capacity in which you were involved.
- Demonstrable dedication to your clients.
- Stand out from colleagues as a lawyer who has made significant impact, taking into account the time you have been practicing and any notable obstacles that you have overcome.
- Non-fee earning, but work related activities, such as marketing, establishing new initiatives and broader contribution to the profession.
- Contribution to the community including pro-bono work.

Personal Injury/Clinical Negligence Team of the year

This category is open to individual and team nominations. This award is specifically for those who have a practice in Personal Injury or Clinical Negligence and will be judged according to the following criteria:

- Demonstrable achievement in your area of practice and the capacity in which you were involved.
- Demonstrable dedication to your clients.
- Stand out from colleagues as a lawyer who has made a significant impact, taking into account notable obstacles that you have overcome.
- Demonstrable appreciation/recognition of your work by clients/colleagues.
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