



## Derby and District Law Society Legal Awards 2025 – nominations now open

Firms and individuals from the Derby and District legal sector are invited to **nominate themselves or colleagues** in one of the 5 categories (see below for details).

So if you work with a talented rising star or an inspirational leader then please let us know before **7<sup>th</sup> February 2025**.

The nominations will be judged by an experienced panel of judges, comprising of leading figures from law and academia with the winners being announced on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025** at the Annual Dinner Pride Park Derby

Category	Judging criteria
<p><b>Junior Lawyer of the Year:</b> <i>solicitors and legal executives up to 5 years PQE.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent standards of work</li> <li>• Dedication to the role &amp; profession</li> <li>• Working to a level beyond that expected of a junior lawyer</li> <li>• Demonstrating legal skills, people skills and achieving results for clients</li> <li>• Professional development</li> <li>• Contribution to client relationships &amp; business development</li> <li>• Community contribution including pro bono work</li> </ul>
<p><b>Lawyer of the Year :</b> <i>at least 5 years pqe</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consistently demonstrating excellent legal skills</li> <li>• Dedication to clients and achieving results</li> <li>• Fostering business and colleague development</li> <li>• Support for the profession including non-fee earning activities</li> <li>• Shown leadership within their organisation or in the community beyond</li>   <li>• Community contribution including pro bono work</li> </ul>
<p><b>Commercial Lawyer of the Year :</b> <i>of any pqe working within a commercial department either within a firm or inhouse</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent standards of work</li> <li>• Dedication to the role &amp; profession</li> <li>• Professional development</li> <li>• Fostering business and colleague development</li> <li>• Demonstrating excellent specialist legal skills and achieving results for clients</li> <li>• Community contribution including pro bono work</li> </ul>

<b>Trainee/ SQE/ Paralegal/ Apprentice paralegal of the Year</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent standards of work</li> <li>• Dedication to the role &amp; profession</li> <li>• Professional development</li> <li>• Working to a level beyond that expected of a trainee</li> <li>• Contribution to client relationships &amp; business development</li> <li>• Community contribution including pro bono work</li> </ul>
<b>Lifetime Achievement Award</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outstanding impact and longstanding contribution to the Derby and District legal sector</li> <li>• Dedication to clients</li> <li>• Support for the profession including non-fee earning activities – inspiring others</li> <li>• Community contribution including pro bono work</li> <li>• A prominent member of the local profession who has given an outstanding contribution to the local community both legal and beyond.</li> </ul>

**How to nominate:**

- Anyone can nominate, you need not be a solicitor, and **you can self nominate.**
- Please use the form provided below.
- Please complete the entry clearly and concisely and include your name and organisation.
- Please provide evidence against the judging criteria considering reputation, experience, acumen, professionalism, commitment and anything else that you feel is particularly relevant.
- Previous nominees may be re-nominated.
- Supporting information e.g. client testimonials or newspaper articles should be scanned and attached to your nomination.
- If nominated by a third person, nominees may be contacted and asked to supply further information to support their nomination. We may contact you for further details if required.

**All entries must be submitted by email to Julia Saunders, DDLS Admin at [admin@derbylaw.net](mailto:admin@derbylaw.net) by 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025 to be considered.**

**Good luck!**

**Derby and District Law Society Legal Awards 2025  
- Nomination form**

Nominators name &  
contact details

Name of nominee

Nominee contact details

Nomination category

List of supporting  
documents attached

(please use an  
additional sheet if  
needed)

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