

DDLs Awards 2023

The Lifetime Achievement Award sponsored by Our Family Wizard was won by Andrew Alexander formerly of Alexander & Co. Andrew has enjoyed a legal career spanning over 47 years and has dedicated generous time and energy to various charities and continues to do so after his retirement in 2020. He is well respected by the community in Derby and by those that have been supported by this candidate over years.



Figure 1 Andrew with Katie Deans from Our Family Wizard

The Junior lawyer of the Year sponsored by No 36 was won by Jessica Silvers from Family law Group. Jessica is an outstanding advocate in complex matters, whilst also being committed to pro-bono and charitable work. A real inspiration to others.



Figure 2 Jessica with Hannah Markham KC from No 36

The Solicitor of the Year sponsored by Alexander & Co was awarded to Melanie Bridgen from Nelsons. Melanie is an exceptional leading individual, influencing law and policy going beyond her role as a lawyer. She is highly regarded by clients and peers alike.



Figure 3 Melanie with Tim Dysterre-Clark from Alexander & Co

The Presidential award – special recognition was awarded to Alex Needham from Geldards. Alex has contributed significantly to the relaunch of the Derby & District Junior Lawyers, with his steer, DJL are thriving in supporting their peers and shaping future generations.



Figure 4 Alex with President of DDLS Manesha Ruparel

Well done to all the winners of awards and all those nominated and short listed. We are lucky to have such talent in our local area. A huge thank you to our award sponsors for their support.



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