

2025  
LEGAL AID LAWYER  
OF THE YEAR AWARDS

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**NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!**

Nominations close 22 April 2025  
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**23<sup>rd</sup> YEAR**

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Now into their 23rd year, the LALYs continue to be the most important event in the legal aid calendar. They remain the only awards organised by and for grassroots legal aid lawyers.

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1. Legal Aid Newcomer
2. Legal Aid Support Staffer/  
Support Team
3. Family Legal Aid including  
Children's Rights
4. Criminal Defence
5. Legal Aid Barrister
6. Legal Aid Firm/NfP Agency
7. Immigration & Asylum
8. Social Welfare Law
9. Public law
10. Outstanding achievement\*

\* We do not accept nominations for this award

For full details about the entry criteria and to make nominations, go to: [lapg.co.uk/laly-nomination](http://lapg.co.uk/laly-nomination)

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