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LAPG Member Update

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We are delighted to launch the **2023 Legal Aid Lawyer of the Year (LALY) awards**.

This year sees the **21st outing of these non-profit-making awards**, which were founded by LAPG in 2003 to celebrate the work of social justice lawyers. Nominations will close on 24 April 2023. Winners in the 12 award categories will be announced to an audience of around 500 guests at a **ceremony in central London on 12 July 2023**.

Key information

- **Nominations close** at 23:59:59 on Monday 24 April 2023
- We have retained the popular **Legal Aid Support Staffer** award from 2022
- Submit a [nomination here](#)
- Download the LALY23 criteria and [guidance](#)
- Download the LALY23 [launch flyer](#) to share with colleagues
- To [book tickets](#) for the 12 July 2023 ceremony
- To [donate to become a Friend of LALY23](#) and support the Legal Aid Newcomer award

LAPG has been proud to stage the LALY awards every year for more than two decades. Our 20th anniversary event in 2022 was an absolute triumph, and marked our first in-person ceremony since 2019 due to lockdown restrictions. We all missed being able to gather together to cheer on our finalists and winners and last year's traditional LALY ceremony, when the legal aid community came

together to celebrate, commiserate, and re-energise, was a marvellous occasion.

[We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back on 12 July](#)

Become an official Friend of LALY23

Once again, [we are crowdfunding for sponsorship of our Legal Aid Newcomer award](#), which celebrates the solicitors, barristers, paralegals, legal executives and caseworkers who are the future of this profession. Donations are from £10, and all money will go towards keeping ticket prices affordable. The names of donors will be included as Friends of LALY23 in our ceremony programme and on social media in the run up to the July event.

LALY23 award categories

1. Outstanding achievement*
2. Legal aid newcomer
3. Criminal defence
4. Public law
5. Immigration & asylum law
6. Legal aid support staffer
7. Family legal aid
8. Legal aid barrister
9. Legal aid firm/Not-for-profit agency
10. Regional legal aid firm/Not-for-profit agency
11. Children's rights
12. Social welfare

* We do not accept nominations for this award

The LALY awards are non-profit-making and would not be possible without the support of our generous sponsors:

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If you have any questions about this year's awards, please get in touch with me (chris.minnoch@lapg.co.uk) or LALY co-organiser Fiona Bawdon (fiona.bawdon@gmail.com). Please follow @LALYawards for news and look out for and use the #LALY23 hashtag.

We know there are so many lawyers out there making an incredible difference through publicly-funded work. Now is the time to nominate your legal aid hero!

Chris Minnoch, CEO [@ChrisLAPG](#)

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Thank you for being brave enough to be part of the LAPG community!

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