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LAPG Member Update

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Legal Aid Lawyer of the Year awards nominations are now open!!

Let's recognise and celebrate your legal aid hero!

We are delighted to launch the 2024 Legal Aid Lawyer of the Year (LALY) awards.



This year sees the 22nd 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 22 April 2024. Winners in the 12 award categories will be announced to an audience of around 500 guests at a **ceremony in central London on 5 July 2024**.

Key information

* Nominations close at 23:59:59 on Monday 22 April 2024

* We have retained the popular Legal Aid Support Staffer award from 2023, and expanded it to include teams which provide support to organisations and/or fee earners

* To make a nomination

<http://lapg.co.uk/laly-nomination>

* Awards criteria and guidance

<http://lapg.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/LALY24-Guidance-Notes.pdf>

* Download the LALY24 launch flyer to share with colleagues

[http://lapg.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/LALY24-Flyer WEB.pdf](http://lapg.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/LALY24-Flyer_WEB.pdf)

* To book tickets for the 5 July 2024 ceremony

<http://lapg.co.uk/laly-tickets>

* To donate to become a Friend of LALY24 and help sponsor the Legal Aid Newcomer award

<http://lapg.co.uk/laly-crowdfunding>

LAPG has been proud to stage the LALY awards every year for more than two decades. The awards celebrate the incredible, life-changing and some cases life-saving work of legal aid lawyers and the teams and organisations in which they work.

[We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back on 5 July](#)

Become an official Friend of LALY24

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 LALY24 in our ceremony programme and on social media in the run up to the July event.

LALY24 award categories

1. Outstanding achievement*
2. Legal aid newcomer
3. Criminal defence
4. Public law

5. Housing law
6. Legal aid support staffer/support team
7. Family legal aid including children's rights
8. Legal aid barrister
9. Legal aid firm/Not-for-profit agency
10. Regional legal aid firm/Not-for-profit agency
11. Disability rights
12. Social welfare law

* 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-founder and co-organiser Fiona Bawdon (fiona.bawdon@gmail.com). Please follow @LALYawards for news and look out for and use the #LALY24 hashtag.

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

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