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LAPG Member Update

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Winners of the 2022 Legal Aid Lawyer of the Year Awards

We are absolutely delighted to be able to share with you the list of 2022 LALY awards winners following our first in-person ceremony since 2019 on Tuesday night (12 July). It was a truly inspirational night and so wonderful to be able to get back together with friends and colleagues from across the legal aid world.



If you missed the event we'll have a recording of the full ceremony on our YouTube channel toot sweet.

LALY22 winners

1. Legal Aid Newcomer - Ciara Bartlam (Garden Court North)
2. Legal Aid Support Staffer - David Neale (Garden Court Chambers); and Lesley Kennedy Neal (Wilson Solicitors)
3. Disability Rights - Anna Moore (Leigh Day)
4. Family Law - Grace Bradley (The Family Law Company)
5. Criminal Defence - Laura O'Brien (Hodge Jones & Allen)
6. Legal Aid Barrister - Amean Elgadhay (One Pump Court)
7. Legal Aid Firm/Not-for-Profit Agency - UCL Integrated Legal Advice Clinic
8. Regional Legal Aid Firm/Not-for-Profit Agency - Johnson Astills
9. Public Law - Qaisar Sheikh - Coram Children's Legal Centre
10. Social Welfare Law - Chris McKendry (Wilson Solicitors)
11. Housing Law - Rajea Sultana (Miles & Partners)
12. Outstanding Achievement - Zia Nabi (Doughty Street Chambers)

As many of you will know, this year marked the 20th anniversary of this wonderful, non-profit celebration of grass-roots legal aid practitioners. As it was our first big bash since 2019 Team LALY went out all to make it a night to remember. We were humbled to be joined by over 60 of our previous winners, including one or two from the



very first awards back in 2003, and 600 guests, making this the largest ever LALYs. We also marked the occasion by awarding two 'Winner of Winners' awards. The special judging panel for these awards, all LALY winners themselves, selected the recipients from over 200 previous winners.

Winner of Winners awards

- Organisation - Young Legal Aid Lawyers
- Individual - Marcia Willis Stewart QC (Hon)

We want to thank all of those involved who helped make the LALYs such a wonderful event this year:

- Fiona Bawdon as organiser and co-founder
- Our compere: author and broadcaster Symeon Brown
- Our presenter: the incomparable Baroness Helena Kennedy QC
- Our tremendous sponsors (see the press release below for more information)
- The members of Team LALY: Jenny Beck QC (Hon), Ro Teather, Anna Neira Quesada, Andrea Shumaker, Vicky Ling, Jawaid Luqmani, Eliona Shosholli, Saul Bawdon, Caleb Bawdon, Victoria Stuart, Oliver Carter on the banjo – I mean live tweeting, Chris Moss, Thomas Rigard, Dara Khursheed and Queenie Sit from YLAL
- Photographers Richard Gray and Fred Bellec
- Designers Tom Keates-Miles and Dan Farley
- Our judging panel for the LALY22 awards: Marcia Willis Stewart QC (Hon), Anthony Graham, James Stark, Jenny Beck QC (Hon), Kaweh Beheshtizadeh, Fiona Bawdon, Ursula O'Hare, Siobhan Taylor-Ward
- Our judging panel for the 20th anniversary Winner of Winners awards: Nicola Mackintosh QC (Hon), Cris McCurley, Laura Janes, Sue James, Aika Stephenson, Leslie Thomas QC
- All of those who took the time to submit nominations
- And special mention must go out to all of our finalists – we can't give you all a LALY (we wish we could), but your work is truly inspirational and is changing and improving lives every day.

For more information read our [official press release here](#).

Take care one and all,

Chris Minnoch, CEO [@ChrisLAPG](#)



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LEGAL AID LAWYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS



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