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The Women Lawyers' Association of NSW Inc. (WLANSW)
is very proud to host the

NSW Women Lawyers Achievement Awards 2017

This year, nominations will be sought for the following categories:



**Change Champion of the Year,
sponsored by The College of Law**



**Corporate Counsel of the Year,
sponsored by Thomson Reuters**



**Outstanding Law Firm of the Year,
sponsored by Watts McCray Lawyers**



**Community Lawyer or Academic of the Year,
sponsored by Department of Justice**



**Woman Lawyer of the Year,
sponsored by Thomson Reuters**



**Mentor of the Year,
sponsored by Bartier Perry Lawyers**



**Barrister of the Year,
sponsored by Carroll & O'Dea Lawyers**



**Rising Star of the Year,
sponsored by UNSW, Continuing Legal Education**



**Private Practice Lawyer of the Year,
sponsored by The Law Society of NSW**

The recipients of Awards will be announced at a Gala Dinner to be held on August 11, 2017
at Doltone House Hyde Park, Level 3 Grand Ballroom, 181 Elizabeth St, Sydney.

Guest Speaker, the Honourable Chief Justice Susan Kiefel AC, High Court of Australia

Major Award Sponsor:



NEW SOUTH WALES
BAR ASSOCIATION

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Workplace
Gender Equality
Agency

AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Nominations to be submitted by May 31, 2017

to: awards.nomination@womenlawyersnsw.org.au or online

NOMINEE'S DETAILS

Name:

Title/Position:

Firm/Organisation:

Address:

Mobile:

Email:

Award(s) Category: Please tick below.

Change Champion of the Year, sponsored by The College of Law

Open to all women lawyers who have demonstrated passion for the growth and development of, and has shown aptitude for identifying opportunities to improve, the profession for women lawyers.

Outstanding Law Firm of the Year, sponsored by Watts McCray Lawyers

The successful Law Firm will demonstrate a commitment to the advancement of women within the legal profession by the introduction and implementation of policies such as flexible work arrangements, parental and family leave, gender equity in partnership and other managerial roles, observance of the Equitable Briefing Policy and the Charter for the Advancement of Women in the Legal Profession, and mentoring.

Woman Lawyer of the Year, sponsored by Thomson Reuters

Open to all current members of WLANSW ('member' includes individual members and staff of Corporate Members). Nominees will have made an outstanding contribution to the legal profession, provided leadership and demonstrated a genuine commitment to supporting and advancing women in the legal profession.

NOMINATOR'S DETAILS

Name:

Title/Position:

Firm/Organisation:

Address:

Mobile:

Email:

Barrister of the Year, sponsored by Carroll & O'Dea Lawyers

Nominees will be women that hold a current practising certificate issued by the NSW Bar Association and may be Senior or Junior Counsel.

Private Practice Lawyer of the Year

Nominees will be women holding a current practising certificate and be working in a private law firm.

Corporate Counsel of the Year, sponsored by Thomson Reuters

Nominees will be women working either in government or for corporate entities or statutory bodies.

Community Lawyer or Academic of the Year, sponsored by Department of Justice

Nominees will be women lawyers working in a community, academic or not-for-profit organisation.

Rising Star of the Year, sponsored by UNSW, Continuing Legal Education

Nominees will be women lawyers with less than five years in practice.

Mentor of the Year, sponsored by Bartier Perry Lawyers

Open to all men and women lawyers who have demonstrated mentorship, advocacy and sponsorship of female talent that is invaluable to the development, promotion and retention of talent in the profession.



The Awards Selection Panel will comprise senior representatives of the Department Justice, the Workplace Gender Equality Agency, the NSW Bar Association, the Law Society of NSW, the Association of Corporate Counsel, Australia and the Women Lawyers' Association of NSW Inc. All nominations will remain confidential. The decision of the Awards Selection Panel is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

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AWARD SELECTION CRITERIA:

In their respective award category or categories, each Application should address at least 4 of the following criteria:

Eligibility to enter: Apart from the category 'Woman Lawyer of the Year, 2017'; Nominees need not be current members of WLANSW but must be eligible for membership and work in NSW.

- > The achievement of a high level of professional skill, recognition and/or excellence in her chosen field;
- > An outstanding contribution to the advancement of women within the legal profession through leadership and example;
- > Encouragement of and influence on other women to pursue a legal career;
- > Commitment to the support, encouragement and promotion of other women lawyers including mentoring of women within their own firm, company or institution or within the legal profession generally;
- > Advocacy and support for the establishment of flexible work practices and innovative diversity programs, and/or for the removal of barriers to entry or promotion and/or role modelling the effective balancing of family and work commitments;
- > Participation in a professional or community organisation, especially those involving women.
- > Advocacy and/or support for the legal rights of all women including the promotion of justice and equality for all women, and/or the identification, exposure and eradication of all forms of discrimination against women.

APPLICATION PROCESS

A **Nomination Form** noting Nominee and Nominator's full contact details and the chosen category or categories of award to be completed and lodged by **31st May 2017 with all supporting documents.**

The Application should include the following:

- > 100 word profile outlining and capturing why the Nominee should win the Award;
- > Brief resume or chronological summary outlining the Nominee's professional history;
- > Details and examples of specific activities and/or contributions that address at least 4 of the 7 selection criteria (5 pages maximum);
- > Optional additional documents such as letters of support (maximum 3), articles or publications concerning the Nominee.

For further information contact: Kathryn McKenzie, Executive Officer

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