



*Patron, the Honourable Jane Mathews AO*

# NSW Women Lawyers Achievement Awards 2019

The Women Lawyers' Association of NSW Inc. (WLANSW) is very proud to host the NSW Women Lawyers Achievement Awards for 2019.

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

*Outstanding Law Firm of the Year - sponsored by Law Society of NSW*

*Change Champion of the Year - sponsored by Thomson Reuters*

*Woman Lawyer of the Year - sponsored by Gilbert + Tobin*

*Barrister of the Year - sponsored by the NSW Bar Association*

*Private Practice Lawyer of the Year - sponsored by Genesis Offices*

*Corporate Counsel of the Year - sponsored by Bartier Perry*

*Government Lawyer of the Year*

*Community Lawyer of the Year - sponsored by Colin Biggers & Paisley*

*Regional Lawyer of the Year - sponsored by Catherine Henry Lawyers*

*Legal Academic of the Year*

*Rising Star of the Year - sponsored by Herbert Smiths Freehills*

*Mentor of the Year - sponsored by College of Law*

The recipients of Awards will be announced at a Gala Presentation Dinner to be held on Friday 23rd August, 2019 at Dockside Cockle Bay, Darling Harbour, Sydney.

*Guest Speaker, Emeritus Professor Rosalind Croucher AM, President of the Australian Human Rights Commission*

*We wish to acknowledge the support of:*



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# AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Nominations to be submitted by May 31, 2019 to: [awards.nomination@womenlawyersnsw.org.au](mailto:awards.nomination@womenlawyersnsw.org.au) or online

## NOMINEE'S DETAILS

Name:.....  
Title/Position:.....  
Firm/Organisation:.....  
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Address:.....  
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## NOMINATOR'S DETAILS

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**Award(s) Category:** Please tick below and note a **maximum of 3 categories only**.

**Outstanding Law Firm of the Year** – sponsored by Law Society of NSW

The successful law firm will demonstrate measures taken that has led to women being advanced in the legal profession by action taken to remove the gender wage gap, targets for partnership and advancement in managerial and senior roles, sharing of care arrangements, adoption and reporting on Equitable Briefing Policy and a framework for dealing with systematic sex discrimination and sexual harassment in a manner that alleviates the burden on individuals making complaints and places positive obligations on all employees to change the culture and encourage compliance; observance of the Charter for the Advancement of Women in the Legal Profession, and mentoring.

Firms interested in nominating for this award are not required to be current Corporate Members of WLANSW but must have offices situated in NSW and employ staff who are, or are eligible to be, members of WLANSW.

A formal application outlining and capturing why the Law Firm should be selected for this Award should occupy no more than 5 pages. It may be accompanied by additional supporting material as noted in the Application Process.

**Change Champion of the Year** – sponsored by Thomson Reuters

Open to all women lawyers who have demonstrated advancing women in the profession and gender equality.

**Woman Lawyer of the Year** – sponsored by Gilbert + Tobin

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 supporting and advancing women in the legal profession.

**Barrister of the Year** – sponsored by the NSW Bar Association

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

**Private Practice Lawyer of the Year** – sponsored by Genesis Offices

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

**Corporate Counsel of the Year** – sponsored by Bartier Perry

Nominees will be women working for non-government corporate entities or organisations.

**Government Lawyer of the Year**

Nominees will be women working either in government organisation or statutory bodies.

**Community Lawyer of the Year** – sponsored by Colin Biggers & Paisley

Nominees will be women lawyers working in community or not-for-profit organisations.

**Regional Lawyer of the Year** – sponsored by Catherine Henry Lawyers

Nominees will be women lawyers practicing outside the Sydney Metropolitan Area at the time of the nomination, as a sole practitioner or in a private law firm.

**Legal Academic of the Year**

Nominees will be women lawyers working in the legal academic field or legal academic organisations or entities.

**Rising Star of the Year** – sponsored by Herbert Smiths Freehills

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

**Mentor of the Year** – sponsored by College of Law

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.

The recipients of Awards will be announced at a Gala Dinner to be held on 23 August 2019 at Dockside Cockle Bay, Darling Harbour, Sydney

## 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, 2019', 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;
- > The establishment of fair systems of work, equitable and transparent remuneration policies, innovative diversity programs, removal of barriers to entry or promotion of women and adoption and reporting on Equitable Briefing;
- > 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 access to justice and rule of law, and equality for all women, and/or the identification, exposure and eradication of all forms of discrimination against women.

## APPLICATION PROCESS - NOMINATIONS ARE NOW CLOSED

A **Nomination Form** noting Nominee and Nominator's full contact details and the chosen category or categories of award (note a maximum of 3 categories only may be selected) to be completed and lodged by **31st May 2019 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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