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# NSW Women Lawyers Achievement Awards 2021

# Sponsorship Proposal

*Sheraton Grand Sydney Hyde Park*

*Guest Speaker, Her Excellency The Honourable Margaret Beazley AO QC, Governor of NSW*

*3 September 2021*

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# NSW WOMEN LAWYERS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Women Lawyers Association of NSW Inc. (WLANSW), is the peak professional body representing women lawyers in NSW. We have been committed to improving the status and working conditions of women lawyers since 1952. Today we have a diverse membership of over 900 ranging from the female pioneers of the legal profession, senior legal leaders and the emerging next generation.

The Awards are supported by the Law Society of NSW, the NSW Bar Association, the Department of Communities and Justice, the Association of Corporate Counsel, Australia and the Workplace Gender Equality Agency, and recognise outstanding women lawyers, mentors and firms who have achieved excellence in their area of practice, while advancing opportunities for women in the law. The history of our Awards, which were initially held in 1995, may be viewed on our website: [www.womenlawyersnsw.org.au/awards](http://www.womenlawyersnsw.org.au/awards)

In 2021, WLANSW will present awards in the following categories:

## INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

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|  <b>Woman Lawyer of the Year</b><br><i>Sponsored by Bartier Perry</i>                  |  |  <b>Community Lawyer of the Year</b><br><i>Sponsored by Law CPD</i>                    |   |
|  <b>Rising Star of the Year</b><br><i>Sponsored by The College of Law</i>              |  |  <b>Regional Lawyer of the Year</b><br><i>Sponsored by Melinda Griffiths Lawyer</i>    |   |
|  <b>Private Practice Lawyer of the Year</b><br><i>Sponsored by David Talintyre</i>     | David Talintyre   |  <b>Legal Academic of the Year</b>   |  |
|  <b>Corporate Counsel of the Year</b><br><i>Sponsored by The Law Society of NSW</i>    |  |  <b>Barrister of the Year</b><br><i>Sponsored by The Law Society of NSW</i>            |   |
|  <b>Government Lawyer of the Year</b><br><i>Sponsored by Melinda Griffiths Lawyers</i> |  |  <b>Change Champion of the Year</b><br><i>Sponsored by Carroll &amp; O'Dea Lawyers</i> |   |
|   |   |  <b>Mentor of the Year</b><br><i>Sponsored by Maurice Blackburn Lawyers</i>            |  |

## ORGANISATIONAL AWARD

-   **Outstanding Law Firm of the Year**  
*Sponsored by Danny King Legal*

We are pleased to extend this offer of Award sponsorship for the NSW Women Lawyers Achievement Awards 2021. The Gala Presentation Dinner to be held on Friday 3 September 2021 at the Sheraton Grand Sydney Hyde Park

Yours sincerely,

*Renée Bianchi*  
Renée Bianchi, President

## SPONSORSHIP OF AN AWARD \$3,950 INC GST

- 1 Naming and recognition for a 2021 Award category, including the below promotional opportunities: Naming rights to your category and on promotional materials at our Gala Presentation Dinner on 3 September 2021. Your company name and / or logo included on promotional materials such as advertising, website promotion and media releases invitations including to patrons and VIP guests. Your company logo and web link on the 2021 Awards web page on the [www.womenlawyersnsw.org.au](http://www.womenlawyersnsw.org.au) website.
- 2 A complimentary table for 10 attendees at the Gala Presentation Dinner to be held on 3 September 2021 (value \$1,900.00). Additional seats or tables may be purchased at the WLANSW Member rate of \$190.00 per person. Corporate table signage provided.
- 3 Presentation of the 2021 Award by a representative of your firm on stage at the Gala Presentation Dinner on 3 September 2021.

Further information about each award is provided on the next page....

\*Award sponsorships are granted on a 'first come' basis and are not confirmed until payment received.

## KEY DATES

Award sponsorship opportunities open	18 February 2021
Award sponsorship to be finalised and paid*	30 June 2021
Nominations Open	18 February 2021
Nominations Close	30 June 2021
Gala Presentation Dinner	3 September 2021

# AWARD CATEGORIES 2021

(Please refer to the Nomination Form for further details of eligibility and criteria)

## INDIVIDUAL AWARDS



### *Woman Lawyer of the Year - sponsored by Bartier Perry*

Open to all current Members of WLANSW ('Member' includes Individual Members and staff of Corporate Members as defined in the Constitution). Nominees will have made an outstanding contribution to the legal profession, provided leadership and demonstrated supporting and advancing women in the legal profession.



### *Rising Star of the Year - sponsored by The College of Law*

Nominees will be women lawyers with less than five years in practice following their admission to practice.

David Talintyre

### *Private Practice Lawyer of the Year - sponsored by David Talintyre*

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



### *Corporate Counsel of the Year - sponsored by The Law Society of NSW*

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



### *Government Lawyer of the Year - sponsored by Melinda Griffiths Lawyers*

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



### *Community Lawyer of the Year - sponsored by Law CPD*

*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 practising 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.



### *Barrister of the Year - sponsored by New South Wales 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.



### *Change Champion of the Year - sponsored by Carroll & O'Dea Lawyers*

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



### *Mentor of the Year - sponsored by Maurice Blackburn 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.



### *Outstanding Law Firm of the Year - sponsored by Danny King Legal*

The successful law firm will demonstrate measures taken that have 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 be no longer than five pages. It may be accompanied by additional supporting material as noted in the Application Process.





## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

COMPANY .....

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CONTACT PERSON .....

ADDRESS .....

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PHONE .....

EMAIL .....

### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY (GST Inclusive)

<i>Woman Lawyer of the Year</i>		<i>Regional Lawyer of the Year</i>	
<i>Rising Star of the Year</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Legal Academic of the Year</i>	<b>\$3,950</b>
<i>Private Practice Lawyer of the Year</i>	David Talintyre	<i>Barrister of the Year</i>	
<i>Corporate Counsel of the Year</i>		<i>Change Champion of the Year</i>	
<i>Government Lawyer of the Year</i>		<i>Mentor of the Year</i>	
<i>Community Lawyer of the Year</i>		<i>Outstanding Law Firm of the Year</i>	

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS .....

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Please forward this expression of interest to Kathryn McKenzie, Executive Officer, Women Lawyers Association of NSW Inc. [executive@womenlawyersnsw.org.au](mailto:executive@womenlawyersnsw.org.au)  
Alternatively, should you wish to discuss sponsorship opportunities, please contact us on 0466 157 087. We look forward to speaking with you.