

# NSW Women Lawyers Achievement Awards 2015

*The Women Lawyers' Association of NSW Inc. (WLANSW) is very proud to host the NSW Women Lawyers Achievement Awards for 2015.*

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

**Outstanding Law Firm of 2015**

**Woman Lawyer of the Year 2015**  
*Open to all current members of WLANSW*

**Woman Lawyer of the Year**  
*Private Practice*

**Woman Lawyer of the Year**  
*Government, Corporate or Statutory Body*

**Woman Lawyer of the Year**  
*Community or Academic Organisation*

**Woman Barrister of the Year**

**Woman Lawyer of the Year**  
*Up and Coming*

The recipients of Awards will be announced at a Gala Dinner to be held on September 11, 2015 at Dockside Cockle Bay, Darling Harbour Sydney.

*See next page for application form and full details of eligibility, award selection criteria and application process.*

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## AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Nominations to be submitted by June 30, 2015 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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Mobile: .....  
Email: .....

### Nominator's Details

Name: .....  
Title/Position: .....  
Firm/Organisation: .....  
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Address: .....  
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Mobile: .....  
Email: .....

**Award(s) Category:** Please tick below.

☐ **Outstanding Law Firm of 2015**

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 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.

☐ **Woman Lawyer of the Year 2015**

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.

☐ **Woman Lawyer of the Year, Private Practice**

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

☐ **Woman Lawyer of the Year, Government, Corporate or Statutory Body**

Nominees will work either in government or for corporate entities or statutory bodies.

☐ **Woman Lawyer of the Year, Community or Academic Organisation**

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

☐ **Woman Barrister of the Year**

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

☐ **Woman Lawyer of the Year, Up and Coming**

Nominees will be lawyers admitted to practice for less than five years.

The Awards Selection Panel will comprise senior representatives of the Department of Justice (NSW), the Workplace Gender Equality Agency, the NSW Bar Association, the Law Society of NSW, the Australian Corporate Lawyer's Association 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, 2015', 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 **30th June 2015**. All **final applications and supporting documents** to be lodged no later than **17th July 2015**. Please note that the category '**Woman Lawyer of the Year 2015**' is open to WLANSW members only.

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:**  
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