



2009 NSW Women Lawyers Achievement Awards

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AWARDS NOMINATION FORM – Closing date 31st July 2009

The Women Lawyers Association of NSW (Inc) is very proud to host the NSW Women Lawyers Achievement Awards for 2009. This year, nominations will be sought for the following award categories:

WOMAN LAWYER OF THE YEAR IN PRIVATE PRACTICE

“IN-HOUSE” WOMAN LAWYER OF THE YEAR

WOMAN LAWYER OF THE YEAR IN A COMMUNITY ORGANISATION

WOMAN LAWYER ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR

“UP AND COMING” WOMAN LAWYER OF THE YEAR

Eligibility to Enter

- Candidates for Woman Lawyer of the Year in Private Practice will hold a current NSW practising certificate and be working in a private firm;
- Candidates for “In House” Woman Lawyer of the Year will be lawyers working either in government or for corporate entities or statutory bodies;
- Candidates for Woman Lawyer of the Year in a Community Organisation will be lawyers working directly for a community or not-for-profit organisation;
- Candidates for Woman Lawyer Advocate of the Year will be lawyers who principally undertake advocacy;
- Candidates for “Up and Coming” Woman Lawyer of the Year will be lawyers admitted to practise in NSW for less than 5 years.
- Candidates for these award categories need not be current members of WLA NSW but must be eligible for membership and work in NSW.

Award Selection Criteria

In their respective award category, each Candidate should meet at least 3 of the following criteria:

- The individual achievement of professional excellence;
- An outstanding contribution to the advancement of women within the practice and development of law;
- Encouragement and influence on other women to pursue a legal career ;
- Commitment to the support, encouragement and promotion of the careers of women within the legal profession including mentoring of women within the legal profession and/or advocacy for and the establishment of flexible work practices, and/or balancing children and work commitments;

- Understanding of and support for the legal rights of all women including a commitment to either the promotion of justice and equality for all women, and/or the identification, exposure and eradication of all forms of discrimination against women in the legal system and in the community generally.

Procedure for Nominations and Selection

Each nomination should be accompanied by the following information and documents:

- Completed nomination form;
- A comprehensive resume or biography detailing the nominee's background and contributions as well as the Awards selection criteria of up to 5 pages;
- Up to 3 letters of support for the nomination from either an individual or organisation.

Nominations should be submitted by 31 July 2009 to Kathryn McKenzie, Executive Officer, WLA NSW either electronically (preferred) to executive@womenlawyersnsw.org.au or by mail to 14A Lonsdale Close, Lake Haven NSW 2263 or DX to DX7304 Wyong.

The Awards Selection Panel will comprise senior representatives of the Attorney General's Department of NSW, the NSW Bar Association, the Law Society of NSW, the Australian Corporate Lawyer's Association and the Women Lawyers Association of NSW. 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 25 September 2009 at WatersEdge.

Nominee Particulars:

Name:

Title/Position:

Firm/Organisation:

Address:

Telephone Contacts:

Email:

Date of admission:

Award(s) Category:

Acceptance of Nomination

I accept nomination for a 2009 NSW Women Lawyers Achievement Award:

Nominator's Particulars:

Name:

Title/Position

Firm/Organisation:

Address:

Telephone Contacts:

Email: