

minority lawyers' conference

race, religion and culture

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Awards - Achieving success

The winners will be announced at an awards dinner on Friday 8 April 2011 at the Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, London, WC2A 1PL

Organisers:



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The Minority Lawyers' Conference (MLC) Awards were inaugurated at the biennial conference in 2007. They have proved to be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the contribution that individuals and organisations make to greater diversity in the legal profession and achieving positive change. The 2011 awards will again be an important element of Minority Lawyers' Conference in April.

The Minority Lawyers' Conference recognises that there are many outstanding black, asian and minority ethnic (BAME) legal professionals. They work in a wide range of positions in law firms, chambers and public and private sector organisations. One of the purposes of the MLC is to inspire and harness BAME talent whether relatively new entrants into law through to those with more established careers. Role models make a measurable contribution to raising standards in the profession and it is hoped that those who are nominated and receive an award see this as encouragement to become future standard bearers.

The purpose of the awards is to recognise success and inspire those in the profession to aim high. This year they recognise that BAME members of the legal profession make a valuable contribution to the ever changing legal landscape of England and Wales and will acknowledge those individuals or organisations that are already shaping the future of the profession through their dedication, hard work and sheer determination to increase diversity and inclusion the legal sector.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an awards dinner where the winners will be announced, at the Law Society on Friday 8 April 2011, the evening before the conference on 9 April.

Closing date for entries: 5.00pm on Friday 4 March 2011

Award categories and judging criteria

Against All Odds

This category is open to individuals who have overcome significant challenges and/or personal adversity to successfully enter and establish their chosen legal career.

This category is specifically aimed at an individual lawyer of up to 10 years' call/PQE. The awards will be presented to individuals with the potential to inspire and to attain what might be considered previously unobtainable goals.

Mentoring - Encouraging Minority Lawyers

This category is open to individuals, firms, organisations or chambers that have used mentors in order to encourage minority lawyers to realising their goals and ambitions by giving time, advice and assistance. This award highlights how, through mentoring, legal talent has been retained and developed. It will identify what good mentoring looks like and what it can achieve.

Advocacy in the Face of Adversity

This award is intended to recognise an individual barrister, solicitor or legal executive who has successfully undertaken a legally significant case or a case considered to have little chance of success; a case where the best interests of the clients have been promoted and protected fearlessly and where the aim of achieving justice has been pursued irrespective of the finance or other resources available.

Diversity: Less Talk More Action

The award that means what it says! This is an award that recognises an individual or organisation that has worked in a determined way to improve diversity in the legal profession and whose actions have made a measurable difference.

It will acknowledge an individual or organisation that has pushed the boundaries in order to open up access to careers in the profession for BAME talent. This award is for those who can demonstrate significant progress.

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Embracing Change – *New Award*

This award category is open to individuals, firms, organisations or chambers. It recognises those who have stepped up to the challenges that change in the legal profession presents. It will recognise the development of innovative and creative business solutions which have utilised the opportunities inherent in a changing circumstances.

The judges

Each entry will be judged by a panel which will include co-chairs of the conference committee, Nwabueze Nwokolo and Sundeep Bhatia.

The prizes

Winners will be presented with their award at the awards dinner. We encourage award winners to go on as role models to inspire the profession.

How to enter

Complete the accompanying entry form (in Microsoft Word). Then print & post to Central Events Unit, The Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1PL or DX 56 Lon/Chancery Ln or e-mail your entry to minoritylawyers@lawsociety.org.uk.

Deadline to enter is 5.00pm on Friday 4 March 2011.

Book your table now

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Shortlisted candidates will not be required to pay and may bring one guest.

How to book

E-mail minoritylawyers@lawsociety.org.uk

Ticket prices

- One person - £70 plus VAT = £84.00
- Group of ten people (one table) - £600 plus VAT = £720