

AWL AWARD

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**Australian
Women Lawyers**

Australian Women Lawyers ('AWL') is the peak national body that represents women lawyer Associations throughout Australia and the interests of female legal practitioners nationally. AWL is concerned with issues relating to the practice and advancement of women in the legal profession and has a strong focus on working to eliminate discrimination against women in the legal system and in the administration of justice. AWL's objects include furthering the understanding of, and support for, the legal rights of all women in society and identifying, highlighting and eradicating discrimination against women inherent in the community and society generally.

THE AWL AWARD

The Gordon & Jackson Australian Women Lawyers Award ('AWL Award') recognises women that have made an outstanding contribution to the legal profession in Australia whether or not their career has led to the traditional route of partnership, taking silk or appointment to the bench.

THE AWARD CRITERIA

The criteria of the AWL Award recognises women who have provided long term leadership and commitment in the support and advancement of women in the legal profession.

In assessing nominations the selection committee will give consideration to the extent to which submissions that demonstrate that a nominee has been active and, or, effective in at least three of the following criteria:

The extent that the nominee has:

- ◆ Been an inspirational role model for other women within, or aspiring to, the legal profession;
- ◆ Been involved in, engaged with, and/or demonstrated leadership within the legal community and/or the wider community;
- ◆ Provided support, encouragement and promotion to the careers of women within the legal profession;
- ◆ Contributed to the advancement of equality for women in the legal profession;
- ◆ Mentored women within the legal profession;
- ◆ Furthered women's contribution to the practice and development of law;
- ◆ Encouraged and influenced other women to pursue a legal career;
- ◆ Made a contribution that has been voluntary or largely uncompensated;
- ◆ Contributed to the understanding of, and the support for, the legal rights of all women;
- ◆ Promoted justice and equality for all women;
- ◆ Contributed to law reform and its administration particularly relating to women;
- ◆ Championed the identification and eradication of discrimination against women in the legal system and in the community generally;
- ◆ Participated in the community;
- ◆ The degree of difficulty associated with the nominee's achievements.

In assessing nominations the selection committee will have regard to each nominee's past achievements and their ongoing contribution at the time of nomination. The selection committee will also give consideration to the nature and length of a nominee's involvement in the legal profession when comparing nominations.

WHO CAN NOMINATE

Nominations can be made from any member of the public, individual, organisation and/or Association that has direct links to the legal profession.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The nominee:

- ◆ must be female
- ◆ have a recent and significant connection with Australia
- ◆ have obtained a law degree recognised in Australia
- ◆ does not need to hold a current practising certificate
- ◆ does not have to be a current member of a State and Territory Women Lawyers Association

Please note:

- ◆ the Award will not be granted posthumously
- ◆ no self-nominations will be accepted
- ◆ unsuccessful nominees may be re nominated in subsequent years

The selection committee shall consist of:

- ◆ Patron of AWL
- ◆ President of AWL
- ◆ Sponsor representative
- ◆ Representative from the host State of the AWL National Conference
- ◆ Representative from the judiciary

HOW TO NOMINATE

The closing date for nominations shall be
Thursday, 24 March 2016

All nominations must include a completed nomination form and the following supporting documentation:

- ◆ 100 word profile outlining/capturing why the nominee should win the Award
- ◆ a brief resume or chronological summary outlining the nominee's professional history
- ◆ details and examples of specific activities and, or, contributions that address the selection criteria (5 pages maximum)
- ◆ a signed declaration of acceptance of nomination by the nominee

The selection committee may at its discretion request further information from a nominator.

The deliberation of the selection committee is confidential and the selection committee reserves the right not to make an award.

The decision of the selection committee is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS

Nominations must be marked confidential and submitted by **Thursday, 24 March 2016**.

All nominations must be addressed to the Hon. Justice Diana Bryant AO QC and e-mailed to Helen Grist, Executive Assistant, Chief Justice Family Court of Australia c/- Helen.Grist@familycourt.gov.au

All nominations will be treated as confidential by the selection committee. However AWL and its State and Territory Women Lawyers Associations reserve the right to publish the names of nominees prior to the AWL Conference Gala Dinner together with details of each nominee's profile in any AWL or State and Territory women lawyer Association publication(s).

By submitting the nomination form and supporting documentation the nominee and nominator consent to extracts from this material being published by AWL and its State and Territory Women Lawyers Associations for this purpose.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS

The recipient of the AWL Award will be announced at the Gala Dinner of the AWL 6th National Conference to be held in Perth on **Saturday, April 9 2016**.

About the AWL Award Sponsor

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NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE DETAILS

FIRST NAME					
SURNAME					
FIRM/ORGANISATION					
ADDRESS					
SUBURB		STATE		POSTCODE	
EMAIL					
TELEPHONE		MOBILE PHONE			

NOMINATOR DETAILS

FIRST NAME					
SURNAME					
FIRM/ORGANISATION					
ADDRESS					
SUBURB		STATE		POSTCODE	
EMAIL					
TELEPHONE		MOBILE PHONE			

SUPPORTING DETAILS

Please attach the following supporting documentation. Note that incomplete applications will not be assessed by the selection committee and nomination materials will not be returned. Should nominators wish to include newspaper or magazine articles written by or about the nominee and, or, other supporting documentation, the selection committee will consider up to 10 pages of such supporting documentation but, there is no expectation that such supporting documentation will be provided.		Tick Box ✓
PART A	100 word profile outlining/capturing why the nominee should win the Award	
PART B	Brief resume or chronological summary outlining the nominee's professional history	
PART C	Details and examples of specific activities and contributions that address the selection criteria (5 pages maximum)	
PART D	Signed declaration of acceptance of nomination by the nominee	

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DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE

To be eligible for the AWL Award you must be female, have a recent and significant connection with Australia and have obtained a law degree recognised in Australia

Nomination (to be completed by a person accepting the nomination i.e. being put forward for the Award)

I, (insert full name)..... of (insert address)

Hereby accept the nomination put forward on my behalf to be considered as an applicant and potential recipient of the AWL Award.

I understand that by accepting this nomination the submission put forward on my behalf will be treated as confidential by the selection committee. I understand that by accepting this nomination that AWL and its State and Territory Women Lawyer Associations reserve the right to publish my name and any details provided in support of my nomination prior to the AWL Conference Gala Dinner in any AWL and, or, State and Territory Women Lawyer Association publication(s). By accepting this nomination I consent to my name and extracts from my nomination being published by AWL and its State and Territory Women Lawyer Associations.

Signed..... Date.....

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