

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Dear friends and colleagues,

Exciting times! I am proud to serve as President of the Glos & Wilts Law Society and immensely proud to launch the GWILS Legal Excellence Awards Dinner 2017.

In 2016 GWILS was re-launched with a new committee, brand, and fresh enthusiasm. 2016 saw a new look website, the first "Rock the Boat" summer party, our traditional Founders Day Christmas lunch and a number of social and training events. I was honoured to be elected for a second year as President with my goal to build on the firm foundations the committee had laid and to continue representing the local legal community.

2017 has seen "Rock the Boat 2" and training, educational and social events throughout the counties. But our flagship event is the Legal Excellence Awards Dinner 2017. What an opportunity, to recognise and celebrate the achievements of our profession.

These awards are about looking around at those you work with every day and really appreciating what you and they do, daily. Tonight is an incredible opportunity to hear about just some of the great work being done and the stories the counties have to tell.

Personally, and on behalf of everyone at GWILS, I would like to thank all on the committee who have worked tirelessly to get this event off the ground, our sponsors without whom this event would not be possible and all of our members, firms and other organisations that support GWILS.

Here's to a fantastic evening of celebration and good company with old and new friends.

Very best wishes

Ramona Derbyshire

President, Gloucester & Wiltshire Law Society



HOST FOR THE EVENING

Bob Crampton *ITV Presenter*

Born in South Africa, Bob returned to these shores aged 11 and has been an ITV weatherman for nearly a decade.

Bob started in television 40 years ago as a reporter with Westward TV in Plymouth. He came to HTV in Bristol in 1983 handling everything from directing, producing, presenting and Deputy Head of News.

Bob has worked on many programmes including the news, current affairs, travel shows, consumer programmes, and documentaries.



Here are 3 things you may not know about our Host:

- He was a child model for newspaper ads
- In his teens he had such a bad stutter he couldn't answer the phone
- He shot a documentary in Afghanistan under the noses of the Taliban

Throughout his career there have been many ups and downs. However, when asked the question – 'Are you happy?', his reply - 'I wouldn't give it up for the world!'

Today, Bob's greatest thrill is still to present everything live.

JUDGING PANEL

His Honour Judge Pawson, *Western Circuit*

District Judge Asplin, *Western Circuit*

Byron Carron, *former District Judge*

Michael Nield, *former District Judge*

Ravinder Hothi, *Law Society's Head of Relationship Management – Midlands & South West*

Will Abbott, *ICAEW member and Partner of Randall & Payne LLP*

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Founded in 1992, Chadwick Nott is firmly established as a leading national legal recruitment specialist. Operating from a network of offices across the UK in London, Bristol, Birmingham and Manchester, we have location focused teams that provide the ideal blend of dedicated local knowledge and national overview. Our clients include national, regional, niche and local private practises, as well as leading companies from a range of industry sectors. Clients and candidates alike appreciate our ability to consistently deliver by implementing tailored recruitment services.

Chadwick Nott has been working in the South West since 1992. The South West team which covers Wiltshire and Gloucestershire, has 5 consultants with over 60 years' experience in legal recruitment between them.

The South West team is made up of Sarah Wood, Matthew Goodwin, Alice Hume, Cathryn Holmes and Kim Lewis.

Sarah joined Chadwick Nott in 2000, having previously worked as an Insurance Solicitor at Bond Pearce. Due to her background and experience Sarah has a particular interest in the insurance, corporate and commercial and real estate transactional sectors.

Matthew also worked with Bond Pearce as a solicitor before joining Chadwick Nott in 2004 and has worked closely with Partners and Associate at all levels at the leading South West firms.

Alice has over 10 years' experience in recruitment and joined the South West team in 2007.

Cathryn was a banking and insolvency solicitor at Lovells and Bond Pearce before joining Chadwick Nott in 2005 and deals with all levels of recruitment.

Kim, worked for leading law firms in Bristol before moving over to recruitment. She has worked in the HR team of a leading International Practice recruiting at all levels, before moving back into agency work and joined Chadwick Nott in 2016.

Sarah, Matthew and Alice are all local to the GWILS area, living in the Cotswolds, Malmesbury and Cheltenham and are particularly well placed to advise both clients and candidates alike, about the law firms, as well as providing inside knowledge about the towns and villages, schools and other amenities across the region.

Chadwick Nott are delighted to sponsor the GWILS Annual Award Dinner, as we have had a long-standing relationship with some the key figures in GWILS, having known and worked with Ramona since she was a trainee.

At Chadwick Nott, we feel that relationships are built on conversations, trust and a real understanding of the legal sector. GWILS provide an essential investment in solicitors throughout their careers and we are keen to play a part in continuing this relationship and celebrating some of the best lawyers in the area.

CHARITY INFORMATION

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People with cancer
need places like these

Maggie's provides free practical, emotional and social support to people affected by cancer and their families and friends, offering a programme of support that has been shown to strengthen physical and emotional wellbeing.

Built close to Cheltenham General Hospital, Maggie's Cheltenham is a warm and welcoming place. It is a place where people can find practical advice about benefits and eating well, where qualified experts provide emotional support, and a place where people can sit around our kitchen table with a cup of tea talking with others who understand what they are going through. Maggie's Cheltenham is here to help people find their way through cancer.



FINALISTS

SUPPORT TEAM MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Abigail Ball (Sewell Mullings Logie)
Caroline Gassner (Forrester Sylvester Mackett)
Lena Corley (Tanners Solicitors)
Sarah Jennings (Thrings)
Steve Adams (Sewell Mullings Logie)

JUNIOR LAWYER OF THE YEAR

Alisha Stevens (Forrester Sylvester Mackett)
Emma Glazzard (Harrison Clark Rickerbys)
Jessica Davidson (Patheon UK)
Jessica Dobson (Wansbroughs)
Lydia Andrews (Winterbotham Smith Penley)
Scott Robins (Thrings)
Sophie Arabella Aldis (Sewell Mullings Logie)
Tom Kirkhope (Harrison Clark Rickerbys)

LAWYER OF THE YEAR

Charlotte Melhuish (Harrison Clark Rickerbys)
Christine Bunting (Hyphen Law)
Emily Prout (Thrings)
Janet Ann Drake (Sewell Mullings Logie)
Peter Morris Davies (Davey Law)
Rachael Reeves (Harrison Clark Rickerbys)
Richard Hazell (Wiltshire Law Centre)

TEAM OF THE YEAR

Admin Support Team
(Sewell Mullings Logie)
Corporate/Commercial Team
(Thrings)
Employment & Education Team
(Harrison Clark Rickerbys)
Litigation Team
(Harrison Clark Rickerbys)
Private Client Team
(Forrester Sylvester Mackett)
Disputes Team
(Thrings)

CSR FIRM OF THE YEAR

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Goughs
Harrison Clark Rickerbys
Sewell Mullings Logie
Tanners Solicitors

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