



Legal Excellence Awards Dinner 2017

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GWILS LEGAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2017

A three course black tie dinner with wine will be followed by the Legal Excellence Awards Ceremony celebrating the local legal profession, hosted by Bob Crampton, ITV Weatherman.

THIS YEAR'S CHOSEN CHARITY IS:



Drinks Reception	7pm
Dinner	8pm
Carriages	1am
Venue	De Vere Cotswold Water Park
Booking Form	www.gwils.co.uk

PRESIDENTS 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 will see "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. I urge you to take a moment to put into words (and we are not asking for many) why you appreciate your trainee, paralegal, legal cashier, secretary, receptionist, office manager, assistant, associate, solicitor or partner and why you think they might have gone that extra mile for a client, colleague or community. And what about you? Be bold and tell us what makes you, your team and your firm extra special. This is an incredible opportunity to hear about just some of the great work being done and the stories the counties have to tell.

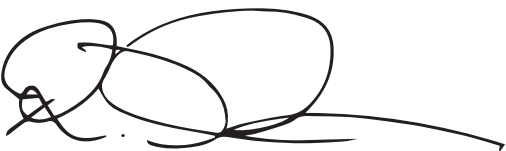
Personally, and on behalf of everyone at GWILS, I would like to thank all on the committee who have worked tirelessly to get this event off the ground, our sponsors without whom this event would not be possible and all of our members, firms and other organisations that support GWILS.

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 Weather 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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THE CATEGORIES

SUPPORT TEAM MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Entry Requirement:

Open to individuals working in the Glos & Wilts region, providing support services to law firms, including but not limited to secretarial support, facilities, HR, accounts, IT, risk & compliance.

Awarded to an individual who has shown exceptional support in the delivery of legal services and who has demonstrated that they have gone above and beyond normal standards in their contribution to the firm and /or commitment and dedication to clients and the legal sector.

JUNIOR LAWYER OF THE YEAR

Entry Requirement:

Open to LPC students, LPC graduates, Paralegals, Trainee Solicitors and Solicitors up to five years qualified working in the Glos & Wilts region. If the nominee is a solicitor, they will be eligible to enter this category if they are qualified 5 years or less as of 1 September 2017. LPC students and LPC graduates who are shortlisted may be asked to provide confirmation of their LPC attainment.

Awarded to an individual who has an exceptional standard of work as well as great dedication in their role as a junior lawyer. They will be excelling in their role rather than just doing a good job or will be making a significant contribution to voluntary or pro-bono schemes rather than simply assisting. The winner of this award will be raising their own profile or their team's/firm's and bring insight, flair, imagination and hard work to everything they do.

LAWYER OF THE YEAR

Entry Requirement:

Open to all practicing solicitors working in private practice or in-house within the Glos & Wilts region.

Awarded to a Lawyer or FCILEx who has made an outstanding contribution either to their firm, client work or the legal sector. This award may include solicitor or legal executive advocates who can demonstrate excellence in advocacy, in-house solicitors and sole practitioners.

TEAM OF THE YEAR

Entry Requirement:

Open to all legal or support services teams within law firms in the Glos & Wilts region.

Awarded to a legal or support team from private practice, or in-house in commerce or public service, that has made an outstanding contribution either in their organisation, or to their clients or legal sector.

CSR FIRM OF THE YEAR

Entry Requirement:

Open to Law firms of all sizes whose head office, or principal place of business is in the Glos & Wilts region.

Awarded to a firm who has shown notable commitment to causes or projects in the Glos & Wilts region/local community. Please focus on one or two particular projects that your solicitors have engaged in over the previous twelve months that you feel demonstrates excellence in pro-bono work and/or examples of initiative and innovation, and employee empowerment, in community investment including fundraising, charitable giving, community advice and non-legal volunteering.

LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR

Entry Requirement:

Open to law firms of all sizes whose head office, or principal place of business is in the Glos & Wilts region.

Awarded to a firm that is able to demonstrate excellence in the provision of legal services which has been recognised either regionally or nationally, or a firm that has seen significant development during the year. The winner of this award will demonstrate significant contribution and/or brought reputational benefit to the Glos & Wilts area; will in some way represent "law at its best", demonstrating commitment to law as a business and outstanding client care and delivery; show excellence in leadership and have a clear vision for the future.

PRESIDENT'S OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Entry Requirement:

Open to members of GWILS only.

The President of GWILS shall consider entries received in all award categories, as well as any additional entries received specifically in relation to this award, and shall identify an individual who has demonstrated an exceptional contribution to the legal sector, their firm and/or clients during their career.

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