2027 Outstanding Contribution to Immigration Law Award

Law Council OF AUSTRALIA

Federal Dispute Resolution Section

Nominations are now open and close 5:00 pm on Wednesday, 3 February 2027 and must be emailed to chelsea.desilva@lawcouncil.au.

Eligibility

The key criterion for the award is that the nominee has made an exceptional and outstanding contribution to the field of migration law in Australia or internationally. To be eligible for the award, a nominee must:

- display outstanding leadership, professionalism and human qualities; and
- contribute to the field of immigration law at a local, national or international level in one of the following ways:
  - engaging in research and positively contributing to immigration discourse;
  - advocating for the rights of migrants, or legal reform; or

participating in a professional or community organisation for the benefit of migrants or legal reform.

Nominations

The nominee may be nominated by the colleagues or self-nominated. The nominator must confirm that the nominee is aware of the nomination and is willing to be nominated.

A nomination should include:

- a 200 word profile on the nominee outlining why they should win the award;
- A resume or chronology of the nominee's educational and professional history;
- details and examples of specific activities and/or contributions which align with the eligibility criteria;
- references and testimonials, which could be provided by colleagues, clients or office bearers of NGOs or government departments (maximum 3).

Nomination process

The Migration Law Committee will review all applications. If the committee cannot agree on a winner the final decision shall be made by the Chair of the Migration Law Committee.

Presentation of award

The presentation of the award will be at the 2027 Immigration Law Conference dinner to be held in Adelaide on Thursday, 18 March 2027.

The award

The winner of the award will receive:

- complimentary membership to the Federal Dispute Resolution Section for one year;
- complimentary registration to the 2027 Immigration Law Conference; and
- flights to Adelaide and accommodation for the evening of 18 March 2027 (if required).

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