**Birmingham Law Society Legal Awards 2026 - Marking grids**

**Apprentice of the Year**

This award is available to a legal apprentice as defined by the Trailblazer legal apprenticeships. The winner may be employed as a Paralegal apprentice, Probate Technician Apprentice, Conveyancing Technician Apprentice, CILEx apprentice or Solicitor apprentice. The Judges will be looking for someone who can highlight the legal work undertaken by this new type of lawyer and who exemplifies the benefit that an apprentice brings to their organisation.

At each stage marks are out of 100 but this will be converted for an overall score. Shortlisting will be 30% of overall mark with 70% being awarded after interview.

Emphasis is on **activity over the last 12 months**

Judges are asked to please provide a summary of comments on the category and why the winner wins e.g. outstanding contribution/quality of work which may be used at the awards evening.

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| **Name of candidate** | **Impact within their department/firm**    **/25** | **Academic progress**  **(they get a 20% allowance for study)**    **/25** | **Client testimonial**    **/25** | **Positive impact on reputation legal apprentices/why they should receive the award**    **/25** | **Final score** |
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