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

**Barrister of the Year (over 10 years’ call)**

The winner of this category will be an barrister with over 10 years’ call who has made a consistent and significant contribution within the Birmingham region. This may be demonstrated through the individual’s involvement in particular cases and/or external projects and organisations, but in all cases, the judges will expect to see strong evidence of leadership, teamwork, and a commitment to excellence. The judges will expect the winner to demonstrate a high calibre of work and in particular, an exceptional ability to lead matters of significant complexity or sensitivity. This award is open to all barristers with over 10 years’ call who practise in Birmingham and the surrounding area.

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** | **Demonstrated**  **excellence in both leadership and in teamwork**    **/20** | **High calibre cases in their field of expertise i.e. demanding/complex, of significant sensitivity, not necessarily high value**  **/20** | **Contribution to Birmingham**  **Community/ organisations e.g. BLS, Midlands Circuit**  **/20** | **Contribution to**  **voluntary/charitable activities**  **/20** | **Positive impact on reputation of the Bar/legal profession**  **/20** | **Final score** |
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