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

**Junior Barrister of the Year (10 years’ call and under)**

The winner of this category will be a barrister with 10 years’ call or under who has demonstrated an outstanding contribution to the Birmingham region and who continuously strives for and achieves excellence. The judges will expect to the winner to be able to demonstrate a high calibre of work, with good examples of the cases that they have undertaken. The judges will also expect to see strong evidence of leadership and teamwork. This award is open to all barristers with 10 years’ call or under who practise in Birmingham and surrounding areas.

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 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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