**CRITERIA TO BE APPLIED (Junior Barrister of the Year – 10 years’ call and under):**

**Summary:**

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 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 and under who practise in Birmingham and surrounding areas.

**Instructions on preparing your application**

1. Do not exceed the word limit. Any words over the stipulated limit will not be read/or considered.
2. Do not supply any additional information/material as it will not be taken into account.
3. Your application will only be assessed on the text you provide so please do take time and care when preparing your text. The marking criteria for this award are available on the Birmingham Law Society website. We recommend that you are mindful of the criteria when preparing your submission.
4. Please provide your application typed up on an A4 size paper ensuring at the top of the document you have inserted:

* Your name as Nominated Candidate
* Name of your Firm/Chambers/Employer
* Your Nominated Category

1. Please ensure that you, as the nominated candidate, prepare this document.
2. The shortlist will be announced mid December 2025. If you are shortlisted, you will be invited to attend a 20-minute interview week commencing 19th January 2026. A date and time will be allocated in December/January. **(Due to a very tight schedule, please note the interview time allocated will be fixed and therefore no alterations to the allocated slot can be requested.)**

**Please in no more than 1200 words, outline why you should be considered for this category in line with the summary above. You might like to consider some or all of the following:**

* Details about a specific case or transaction which has been particularly successful or a facet of your practice which you believe will set you apart from the other nominees.
* Individual involvement/contribution you have had with other organisations during 2025 (e.g. CBI, BCCI, BPS Birmingham Future, Birmingham Law Society etc).
* Outline how you have made a positive contribution to the reputation of barristers and the legal profession during 2025.
* Your involvement in charity activities during 2025.

**Please include the total word count at the end of your submission, together with the declaration below.**

**DECLARATION:**

I confirm that I believe the contents and word counts detailed within this application are true.

**Date: Signature:**