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

**Outstanding Student Contribution of the Year**

This award will be given to an exceptional law student who has demonstrated raw talent and strong potential. This can be shown through academic excellence, or a wider legal or non-legal contribution, whether at university or in the community, but in all cases, the judges will be looking for someone who is enthusiastic, proactive and dedicated. This award is open to all undergraduate and postgraduate law students who are based in or studying 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** | **Academic excellence and openness to learning**  **/30** | **Involvement and contribution within the legal and/or non-legal community – *this can be any contribution and does not have to involve pro bono or charity work***  **/30** | **Communication and interpersonal skills**  **/10** | **Connection and commitment to Birmingham and the surrounding area**  **/10** | **Drive, determination and proactivity**  **/10** | **Final score** |
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