**CRITERIA TO BE APPLIED (Outstanding Student Contribution of the Year):**

**Summary:**

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.

**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 considered.
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 University
* 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:**

* Your academic achievements, and the contribution you have made which you believe will set you apart from the other nominees.
* Any individual involvement you have had in the legal or non-legal community, whether at university or otherwise.
* Any background factors that have influenced your legal journey to date.
* Your connection and commitment to Birmingham and the surrounding area.

**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:**