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

**Pro Bono Award**

Outstanding Contribution to Pro Bono - Individuals, firms and organisations that have made an outstanding contribution to pro bono during the year may be nominated for this category.

The contribution to pro bono may include work done on a specific case, evidence of a general commitment to pro bono and/or work done via a pro bono project or clinic. Nominations for collaborative pro bono initiatives are also welcome. Pro bono work is any work that meets the definition contained in the Joint Pro Bono Protocol, which is ‘legal advice or representation provided by lawyers in the public interest including to individuals, charities and community groups who cannot afford to pay for that advice or representation and where public and alternative means of funding are not available’. This would include pro bono work undertaken by any university pro bono initiative.

At each stage marks are out of 100 but this will be converted for an overall score.

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**  **consistent commitment to pro bono activities**    **/30** | **Impact of the pro bono project on community/group**  **/40** | **Rationale for this type of pro bono work and why they do it**  **/30** | **Final score** |
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