

ANNUAL AWARDS TO TRAINEE SOLICITORS

Awards will be made to the winners at the Society's Annual General Meeting which will take place at 5pm on Thursday 24th September 2026.

1. **For those currently undertaking a Training Contract**

- "Gold" award: **£100 of Amazon vouchers**
- "Silver" award: **£75 of Amazon vouchers**

Awards will be awarded to those trainees who have attained (in descending order) the highest and second highest overall marks in examinations in the Legal Practice Course and in the Solicitors Qualifying Exams (SQE) 1 and 2. The Society will assess all relevant results submitted, including examination and assessment marks, and may at its discretion make further enquiries.

2. **For those currently undertaking a Training Contract**

The David Hershman QC Memorial Award, sponsored by St Philips Chambers, comprising **Amazon vouchers to the value of £100**. This award will be awarded to the student who achieved the most outstanding result of any application in the elective Family Law module of the Legal Practice Course in 2025.

CONDITIONS:

- Trainee solicitors must have commenced their training contracts **in the calendar year of 2025** with a firm authorised to take trainees and **either** whose training principal is a member of Birmingham Law Society **or**, in a national firm where the training principal located outside Birmingham, whose training supervisor is a member of the Birmingham Law Society. This information must be included in the application.
- Trainees must have passed their Solicitors Qualifying Exams (SQE) 1 and 2 at the first attempt. The same applies to the Legal Practice Course examinations and in respect of which students must have obtained a Distinction.
- A copy of the formal notification of the final result, together with the overall results including examination and assessment marks, must be submitted.
- All applications must be received **in WRITING** as indicated below (*) **9am 14th September 2026.**

3. **For non-law students who have completed a Law Conversion Course in 2025**

The attention of Heads of Law Conversion Courses is drawn to the following awards:

The Herbert Willison Award

Comprising **Amazon vouchers to the value of £100**. This award will be awarded to the student who achieved the most outstanding result of any application in the Criminal Law module sat as part of a Law Conversion Course.

CONDITIONS:

- Students must have passed at first sitting a law conversion course in the calendar year 2025.
- Students must have a home address in and be seeking/have obtained a Training Contract in Birmingham/West Midlands.
- Students applying for either award must have achieved a good mark in the Criminal Law assessment (as appropriate to their application).
- Applications to be received in writing, as indicated below. Closing date **9am 14th September 2026.**

(*) All applicants should submit information specified above, together with FULL name (including second names), address and contact telephone number (in case of enquiries) to:

Birmingham Law Society, 6 Bennetts Hill, Birmingham, B2 5ST

By e-mail to: office@birminghamlawsociety.co.uk