



INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN IN LAW AWARD 2017 IDENTIFYING AND CELEBRATING ROLE MODELS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

The First 100 Years, a groundbreaking history project charting the journey of women in law, is on the search for women lawyers who are driving much-needed change in the legal sector to make gender equality a reality. Nominations for the Inspirational Women in Law Award are now open.

The Inspirational Women in Law Award seeks to identify the trailblazers of the profession, in the lead up to the centenary of the Sex Disqualification (Removal) Act 1919, which paved the way for women to practise law. The Award winners' stories will become part of the First 100 Years' digital museum of 100 videos, under a special chapter celebrating the next generation of game changers in the legal sector. 2017 is the second time the Awards are being held in the continuing search for this generation's inspiring women.

Keily Blair, winner of the inaugural Award last year, said that the Inspirational Women in Law Award was a useful platform to promote the advancement of women in the legal sector and beyond. "In 2016, the path to entry into the legal profession for women is well-trodden," said Blair who is Director at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. "However the outdated business and career models which hold back the progression of women in the law must be challenged."

Who is eligible?

Nominations are open to women of all ages who meet the following criteria:

- A legal professional, for example, a practicing lawyer or judiciary member, including but not limited to CMA magistrates, members of CILEX or the Institute of Paralegals, Institute of Barristers Clerks, BILLE, Chartered Institution of Legal Librarians and In-house Legal;
- Less than 10 years' experience as a legal professional; and
- Working in the United Kingdom.

How do I make a nomination?

Nominations may be made via the First 100 Years website

<http://first100years.org.uk/inspirational-women-in-law-award/> by 31 August 2017.

What is the application process?

Stages	Details	Deadline
Stage 1	Nominations made	31 August 2017
Stage 2	Nominees will be contacted on a rolling basis by email and invited to apply for the Award. The two-part application comprises: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a short proposal on what the applicant would do if she won to help the First 100 Years project (50-100 words); and• a short essay on 'How can women shape the future of the legal industry?' (500-1000 words)	18 September 2017

What will the winner receive?

The winner will have her story recorded for the First 100 Years digital museum, alongside other trailblazers in law such as Deputy President (and incoming President) of the Supreme Court Baroness Hale and shadow Attorney-General Baroness Chakrabarti. The digital museum will be donated to the British Library in 2019. The winner will also become a spokesperson for the project as a First 100 Years champion, and have access to exclusive networking and other events.

When will the Award be presented?

Details of the Award ceremony will be announced at a later date.

About the First 100 Years

The First 100 Years is a ground-breaking history project charting the journey of women in law. In 2019, the project will mark the centenary of the Sex Disqualification (Removal) Act 1919, which paved the way for women to become lawyers for the first time. Work is underway to produce a digital museum of 100 video stories of women in law. By curating a valuable archive of stories of pioneering and inspiring women lawyers, the project aims to create positive role models and establish a cross-sector platform for debate and change in the legal sector. The First 100 Years website, including the digital museum, will be donated to the British Library in 2019. The project is powered by charity Spark21 and supported by The Law Society and The Bar Council.

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