

Awards honour best trainers and recruiters

On 8 June 170 guests from 72 law firms attended the eighth annual **LawCareers.Net Training & Recruitment Awards** (the TARAs). The awards, which recognised the best recruiters and trainers among law firms, were based on a large survey of over 2,500 trainee and newly qualified solicitors.

LawCareers.Net publisher Matthew Broadbent said: "In a year where there have been mixed messages about the health of the law graduate recruitment market, the TARAs reconfirm that there are plenty of firms which have remained unstinting in their commitment to, and support of, those joining the profession. Our survey, by which the nominated firms are determined, covers three annual cohorts of trainees recruited in often vastly differing landscapes. We can only commend those firms that demonstrate that creating and nurturing new lawyers is the pathway to success."

The winners were:

ALAN EDWARDS & CO

Best recruiter - Small firm

THACKRAY WILLIAMS LLP

Best trainer - Small firm

KNIGHTS LLP

Best recruiter - Medium regional firm

THOMSON SNELL & PASSMORE

Best trainer - Medium regional firm

FARRER & CO LLP

Best recruiter - Medium City firm

GOODMAN DERRICK LLP

Best trainer - Medium City firm

KIRKLAND & ELLIS INTERNATIONAL LLP

Best recruiter - US firm in the City

ARNOLD & PORTER (UK) LLP

Best trainer - US firm in the City

BURGES SALMON

Best recruiter - National/large regional firm

WRAGGE & CO LLP

Best trainer - National/large regional firm

ALLEN & OVERY LLP

Best recruiter - Large City firm

BAKER & MCKENZIE LLP

Best trainer - Large City firm

SKADDEN, ARPS, SLATE, MEAGHER & FLOM (UK) LLP

Best work placement scheme - City firm

MILLS & REEVE LLP

Best work placement scheme - Regional firm

DLA PIPER UK LLP

Commendation for Diversity

The Commendation for Diversity, in association with BLD, was presented to DLA Piper UK LLP. Debo Nwauzu, founder and chair of BLD, commented: "The volume and quality of applications clearly demonstrate that law firms accept that commitment to diversity is not an optional extra, but rather an integral part of any business that is forward-looking and forward-thinking."

Here is the full list of nominated firms:

Best recruiter - Small firm

Alan Edwards & Co
Clarkson Wright & Jakes LLP
Goody Burrett LLP
Hanne & Co
Wainwright & Cummins
Wrigleys Solicitors LLP

Best trainer - Small firm

Atherton Godfrey
Dakers Marriott Solicitors
Hodge Jones & Allen LLP
Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors LLP
Thackray Williams LLP
Wilson Solicitors LLP

Best recruiter - Medium regional firm

Foot Anstey
Gordons LLP
Knights LLP
Stephens Scown
Tees Solicitors
TLT LLP
Veale Wasbrough Vizards

Best trainer - Medium regional firm

Blandy & Blandy LLP
DMH Stallard LLP
Smith Partnership
Stevens & Bolton LLP
Thomas Eggar
Thomson Snell & Passmore
TWM Solicitors LLP

Best recruiter - Medium City firm

Farrer & Co LLP
Ince & Co
Jones Day
Kennedys
Speechly Bircham LLP
Travers Smith LLP
White & Case LLP

Best trainer - Medium City firm

Barlow Lyde & Gilbert LLP
Bristows
Goodman Derrick LLP
Macfarlanes LLP
Penningtons Solicitors LLP
Reynolds Porter Chamberlain LLP
Winckworth Sherwood

Best recruiter - US firm in the City

Covington & Burling LLP

Kirkland & Ellis International LLP
Latham & Watkins
Shearman & Sterling LLP
Weil, Gotshal & Manges

Best trainer - US firm in the City

Arnold & Porter (UK) LLP
Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe (Europe) LLP
Sidley Austin LLP
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (UK) LLP
Vinson & Elkins RLLP

Best recruiter - National/large regional firm

Bond Pearce LLP
Burgess Salmon
DLA Piper UK LLP
Mills & Reeve LLP
Osborne Clarke
Pannone LLP
Pinsent Masons LLP

Best trainer - National/large regional firm

Browne Jacobson LLP
Burgess Salmon
Clarke Willmott LLP
Cobbetts LLP
Irwin Mitchell
Shoosmiths
Wragge & Co LLP

Best recruiter - Large City firm

Allen & Overy LLP
Ashurst LLP
Nabarro LLP
Reed Smith
Simmons & Simmons
SJ Berwin
Slaughter and May

Best trainer - Large City firm

Baker & McKenzie LLP
Berwin Leighton Paisner
CMS Cameron McKenna LLP
Herbert Smith LLP
Linklaters LLP
Mayer Brown International LLP
Reed Smith

Best work placement scheme - City firm

Hogan Lovells
Linklaters LLP
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (UK) LLP
Speechly Bircham LLP
Squire Sanders Hammonds
Vinson & Elkins RLLP

Best work placement scheme - Regional firm

Bevan Brittan LLP
Dickinson Dees LLP
Mills & Reeve LLP
Pinsent Masons LLP
Shoosmiths
Veale Wasbrough Vizards

Notes:

[LawCareers.Net](#) is a comprehensive online resource for future lawyers. The website offers comprehensive guidance on how to go about joining the legal profession and features fully searchable directories of 1,000 law firms, 200 barristers' chambers and nearly 100 providers of legal education. The site's newsletter, LC.N Weekly, is distributed to over 22,000 subscribers each week. LawCareers.Net welcomes nearly 4 million visitors per year and is the pre-eminent resource of its type.

[BLD](#) was founded by non-practising solicitor Debo Nwauzu in 2006 to promote diversity within the legal profession and to provide a forum for networking. Among other things, BLD runs a number of diversity initiatives designed to improve access to, and social mobility within, the legal profession under the auspices of its Legal Gateway Scheme.