

# Pro Bono Partnership Award Information for Nominators



## About the Award

The Pro Bono Partnership Award is sponsored by the Australian Pro Bono Centre. It is presented to a partnership comprising a private law firm, community organisation and/or community legal centre in NSW, which has developed an outstanding pro bono legal assistance relationship, **resulting in improved access to justice** for disadvantaged people in the community.



## Selection criteria

The judging panel is seeking nominations that address the selection criteria for the Pro Bono Partnership Award. To view the criteria visit [www.lawfoundation.net.au/justice\\_awards](http://www.lawfoundation.net.au/justice_awards)

## Tips for nominators

- Include examples that demonstrate the impact of the partnership or how it has improved access to justice for disadvantaged people.
- Describe what is outstanding and innovative about the partnership, and how it has been successful in delivering services to disadvantaged people.
- Ensure the referees can confirm the details in your nomination such as the length of the partnership or the impact of the partnership in the community.

## Frequently asked questions

- *Where can I get ideas about what to write?* You may find it helpful to look at previous Justice Awards programs to get an idea of the partnerships that have been nominated in the past. To view last year's program visit [http://www.lawfoundation.net.au/ljf/site/templates/pdf/\\$file/2016\\_Program.pdf](http://www.lawfoundation.net.au/ljf/site/templates/pdf/$file/2016_Program.pdf)
- *Can the referees come from within the organisations?* Yes. In many cases the people who are best able to speak about the partnership are those closely involved in managing it.

## Award conditions

1. Nominations should be in writing. If you have problems completing this form, please contact the Law and Justice Foundation of NSW by phone on (02) 8227 3200 or email at [justiceawards@lawfoundation.net.au](mailto:justiceawards@lawfoundation.net.au)
2. Nominations must be received by 5pm, 7 July 2017.
3. A nomination should include the Name, Address and Phone Number, and Email (if any) of the nominator, nominee and two referees.
4. A nomination should address the Award criteria, see [www.lawfoundation.net.au/justice\\_awards](http://www.lawfoundation.net.au/justice_awards)
5. A nomination should be around 400 words in total.
6. The judges' decision is final. No correspondence concerning their decision will be entered into.
7. The judges' decision will be announced at the Justice Awards Dinner on **19 October 2017**.
8. Once submitted, the Law and Justice Foundation of NSW reserves the right to accept, decline, progress, withdraw or otherwise deal with any nomination as we see fit.

## Closing date

Nominations for the Justice Awards close **5pm, Friday 7 July 2017**.

## Submitting your nomination

You can submit your form:

- *Online:* [www.lawfoundation.net.au/justice\\_awards](http://www.lawfoundation.net.au/justice_awards)
- *Email:* [justiceawards@lawfoundation.net.au](mailto:justiceawards@lawfoundation.net.au)
- *Mail:* Law and Justice Foundation of NSW, PO Box A109, Sydney South NSW 1235.

## Enquiries

If you have any questions about this form or the Award criteria please contact the Foundation on (02) 8227 3200 or email [justiceawards@lawfoundation.net.au](mailto:justiceawards@lawfoundation.net.au)



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## Previous winners

### 2016: Wollongong Women's Information Service *with Carter Ferguson*



This partnership assists women in the Illawarra area who are marginalised, many with mental health or drug-related issues. Between 10 and 20 clients per month are referred to

Carter Ferguson which provides legal advice including information on the courts and dispute resolution.

### 2015: Salvos Legal Humanitarian *with Salvos Legal*



This partnership uses a unique model where income from the corporate firm (Salvos Legal) funds a free legal service to disadvantaged and marginalised people, (Salvos Legal

Humanitarian). The service is holistic, with clients offered referrals to counselling, drug and alcohol programs, and employment services.

### 2014: Casula High School and Canterbury Boys High School *with King & Wood Mallesons, in-house legal teams of GE Sydney, NAB and MLC Youth Off The Streets with Baker & McKenzie*



Two partnerships shared the Award. Casula High School, Canterbury Boys High School and King & Wood Mallesons with in-house legal teams of GE Sydney, NAB

and MLC, have delivered the Lawyers in Schools program to over 300 students in the last five years. The partnership of Youth Off The Streets and Baker & McKenzie (pictured) has seen more than 60 young people with large fine debts receive legal advice and guidance.

### 2013: Anti-Slavery Australia *with Clayton Utz*



This partnership between Anti-Slavery Australia and Clayton Utz has achieved excellent outcomes for victims who have been sex-trafficked and forced to work in sexual servitude.

### Winners prior to 2013

2012 Winners: Kingsford Legal Centre *with Freehills.*

2011 Winners: Women's Legal Services NSW *with Blake Dawson, Clayton Utz, Freehills, NSW Bar Association and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.*

2010 Winners: Lou's Place *with Blake Dawson.*

2009 Winners: Salvation Army Auburn *with Mills Oakley Lawyers.*

2008 Winners: Arts Law Centre *with DLA Phillips Fox.*

2007 Winners: Homicide Victim's Support Group *with Henry Davis York.*

2006 Winners: The Exodus Foundation *with Otto Stichter & Associates.*



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