

Award: Professional Deputy of the Year

Open to: Accredited Lifetime Lawyers only

This Lifetime Lawyer always puts in the time to gain insight into their clients to help them make best interests decisions based on their clients' past, present, and future wishes, rather than just financial outcomes. Their compliance with OPG standards and an in depth knowledge of the Mental Capacity Act are taken as read. They are extremely proficient at managing their clients' finances no matter how complex and maintain meticulous records and have robust internal office processes. They have excellent communication skills and are able to coordinate with a wide range of professionals such as case managers, therapists, and financial advisors to support their clients' quality of life, as well as being able to deal sensitively with their clients and their families.

Requirements

Your submission will need to consist of 3 main parts:

Part 1 – Your covering statement (a maximum of 150 words)

This should state why you should win this award.

Part 2 – Your full submission (a maximum of 1000 words)

You will need to cover the following:

Your submission must tell the story about why you should win the *Professional Deputy of the Year* award and must also cover the specific criteria below:

1. Talk about some of the key elements of your role as a professional deputy and how you help ensure that other people involved with your client act their best interests
2. Talk about your aims for the future and how you hope to achieve them
3. Talk about how you develop staff within your team to be able to support your client alongside you
4. Give an example of how you helped a client in a difficult situation achieve a good outcome

Please provide one piece of supporting evidence in an appendix to your submission, clearly stating to which of the four points above your evidence relates.

Part 3 – Your Pearl of Wisdom (a sentence or short paragraph)

What one piece of advice would you share with the audience to help them in their work? This could be a technical insight, a tip, an observation, something that works well for you, or advice shared with you that has stuck with you.

NB: The best pearls of wisdom may be shared with the audience as we would like to give audience members something really useful to take away from the Twilight Awards.