2026 Victorian Young Property Lawyer of the Year Award

Law Council OF AUSTRALIA

Legal Practice Section

The Victorian Young Property Lawyer of the Year Award is designed to recognise and encourage the talent and achievements of young property law practitioners. It is also an opportunity to highlight this area of practice in your firm and across the profession.

The Award is conducted annually by the Law Council of Australia, through its Australian Property Law Group in the Legal Practice Section. The Law Institute of Victoria (LIV), through its Property and Environmental Law Section also support this Award.

The Victorian Young Property Lawyer of the Year will be selected by the judging panel and will receive a certificate and a cash prize of $1,000.

Eligibility

This award is open to all legal practitioners who:

- hold a current Victorian practising certificate;
- practice predominantly in the field of property law; and
- are under 36 years of age at the date of nomination.

Note: Membership of a professional association is not essential.

Award criteria

Judges will base their decision on the following criteria:

- demonstrated excellence in the provision of property law legal services to clients;
- academic and practical abilities in property law;
- contribution to the field and practice of property law (this could be by way of significant contribution as an author or speaker, which contributes to the candidate's standing among peers); and
- maturity, self-reliance and leadership.

Information required in support of a nomination

- Nominee's professional legal career CV (abbreviated version)
- Detailed illustration of how the nominee has met the award criteria (with examples)
- Two professional or personal written references (one may be by a nominee's employer)
- A statement of the area(s) of practice engaged in by the nominee and the nature of matters handled by the nominee.

***Note:** Total material not to exceed 10 pages single-sided or 5 pages double-sided.*

How to nominate

- Use the nomination form attached to this material and lodge it by the closing date recorded on the form. Send nomination material marked attention to:

  Tim Chislett
  Partner, Allens
  Email: tim.chislett@allens.com.au

  Lucas Bediaga
  Senior Associate, Corrs
  Email: lucas.bediaga@corrs.com.au

Award procedures

- Nominations received by the closing date will be assessed by a judging panel on the basis of the information provided in the nomination material.
- The judging panel shall have a right to conduct a personal interview of a nominee in confidence should it see fit to do so.
- Decisions of the panel shall be final and no correspondence will be entered into concerning those decisions. Only the name of the winner of the award will be announced.

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Nomination Form

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Legal Practice Section

Nominee

Name:

Firm:

Address:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Signature: Date:

Nominator (if not Nominee)

Name:

Organisation:

Address:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Referees

Referee No. 1

Name:

Organisation:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Referee No. 2

Name:

Organisation:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Note: *Closing date for nominations is 5:00 pm on Friday, 2 October 2026.*