

NEW SOUTH WALES

KATRINA DAWSON AWARD

Background

Katrina Dawson was a much loved member of the NSW Bar where she excelled. She was tragically killed during the Lindt Café siege. The Katrina Dawson Award seeks to encourage women to practise at the NSW Bar.

Eligibility

The Award is open to women who have passed the NSW Bar exam and committed to enrolling in a Bar Practice Course within 18 months of winning the Award.

Criteria

The criteria of the award are as follows:

- Excellent academic qualifications, including all necessary legal qualifications;
- Leadership skills in the community;
- Track record in legal employment, for example as a solicitor, an associate to judicial officer or community legal centre;
- Proposed use to which the financial assistance would be applied in coming to the NSW Bar;
- Interest in participating in and fostering life at the NSW Bar;
- Names and contact details of at least two referees.

Value

The award pool will have a minimum value of \$12,000. The award committee may determine to split the sum and provide an award to more than one person. The award committee may choose to not make an award.

Payment of the award will be structured in the following manner, one third will be payable at the commencement of the Bar Practice Course, one third at the end of the Bar Practice Course and one third 3 months after completion of the Bar Practice Course.

Procedure

Applications for the Award would be assessed by a representative of the NSW Bar Association and a representative of the Katrina Dawson Foundation.

Applications can be made at <u>www.nswbar.asn.au/awards/katrina-dawson-award</u> APPLICATIONS OPEN 1 April 2017 APPLICATIONS CLOSE 1 August 2017