

Specialist family lawyer wins Law Council's President's Medal for first time

Ian Kennedy AM is the recipient of the 2015 Law Council of Australia President's Medal.

The President's Medal is presented annually and recognises an Australian lawyer's outstanding contribution to the legal profession and the community.

Mr Kennedy was nominated by the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia.

Law Council of Australia President Duncan McConnel said Mr Kennedy's impeccable character and extensive experience made him a deeply valued member of the Australian legal profession, but that the award recognised much more.

"Mere excellence as a practising lawyer is not sufficient for a candidate to be deserving of the President's Medal," Mr McConnel said.

"It is Ian's quite extraordinary contribution to the profession spanning some 40 years that makes him a worthy recipient.

"Ian has given his extraordinary commitment and made enormous contributions to the development of family law in Australia. He has improved its reputation and standing – and the professional standards of those who practice it – both in the Australian and international legal communities."

In accepting the award, Mr Kennedy said he was deeply honoured.

"I am particularly proud to accept the award as the first specialist family lawyer to be honoured in this way," Mr Kennedy said.

"I am proud to be a member of this profession. I am prouder to be a family lawyer, a Family Law Section member and an individual member of the Law Council."

Further information on the President's Medal is available on the Law Council of Australia [website](#).

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