

# MICHELLE CROWTHER PSM EXCELLENCE AWARD



## Background

Michelle Crowther PSM was admitted to practice in 1986 and worked as an associate to The Hon. Justice Gallop of the Supreme Court of NSW. She joined

Legal Aid NSW in 1988, working in the grants division as the senior criminal law solicitor. In 2008 she was appointed senior criminal law project officer in the Policy and Planning Division of Legal Aid NSW. Crowther was awarded a Public Service Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honour List in June 2014; she died on 25 December 2014.

In recognition of Crowther's ongoing commitment to the highest level of client service delivery at Legal Aid, the GSC has decided to honour Michelle Crowther PSM by sponsoring an annual award to celebrate government legal service.

## Award overview

The Michelle Crowther PSM Excellence Award recognises a significant contribution of a government solicitor or group within the last year, through their work in:

- a specific project or performance of tasks
- development of legal policy
- development of legal innovation
- training; or
- management of a legal team.

## Nomination requirements

The **\$1,000** award is open to both individuals and groups who: are NSW public sector solicitors, hold a current NSW practising certificate and are members of the Law Society of NSW. In order to nominate a candidate, the nominator must also be a current solicitor member or associate member of the Law Society of NSW. A candidate cannot nominate themselves for the Award.

The award will be determined at the full discretion of the GSC. If, in the GSC's opinion there are no candidates of sufficient merit, the award may not be given. The decisions of the GSC are final.

## How to apply

### 1 June

Applications open

### 1 August

Applications close

### 3 September

Successful applicants will be announced at the Government Solicitors Conference.

## Further information

For further assistance or information, please contact:

Policy & Practice Department

The Law Society of New South Wales

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# APPLICATION FORM

To nominate an individual/group for the Award, please supply the following information to the Government Solicitors Committee.

## Part 1 - Nominators Details

Name:	
Position/Occupation:	LS membership no:
Address:	
Phone number:	
Email address:	

## Part 2 - Nominees Details

Name of individual/group:
Position/Occupation:
Employer:

## Part 3 - Candidate Contribution

In 500 words or less outline why you are nominating this candidate/s specifically noting their outstanding contribution to government legal service.

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## Part 4 - Supporting References

Please provide the details of two references:

### Referee one

Name:
Position/Occupation:
Address:
Phone number:
Email address:

### Referee two

Name:
Position/Occupation:
Address:
Phone number:
Email address:

## Part 5 - Acknowledgement

By ticking this box I acknowledge that I have read and understood the Nomination requirements of this Award as set out above.

Signature:
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Date:   /   /

**SUBMIT APPLICATION**