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Dear President:

RE: 2021 Nominations for Law Society Awards

I am writing to encourage you and the members of your association to consider making nominations for the Law Society awards. We are interested in ensuring that we have a diverse group of nominations from all communities, practice areas, firm sizes, and regions across the province and we welcome your nominations.

The Law Society Medal was established in 1985 as an honour to be awarded by the Law Society to lawyers in recognition of outstanding service and significant contributions to the profession.

The Lincoln Alexander Award is awarded annually in recognition of an Ontario lawyer who has demonstrated long standing interest and commitment to the public and to the pursuit of community service on behalf of residents of Ontario.

The Laura Legge Award was established in 2007 and is to be given annually to a female lawyer of the Law Society who has exemplified leadership within the profession.

In addition to the lawyer awards, the **William J. Simpson Distinguished Paralegal Award** recognizes a paralegal who has demonstrated outstanding professional achievement that brings credit to the paralegal profession.

The J. Shirley Denison Award is named in honour of former Treasurer Denison and his commitment to helping others. The award is in recognition of significant contributions to access to justice and/or poverty issues. Both paralegal and lawyer licensees are eligible for this award.

We know that there are members in your communities that would be excellent candidates, and we would be delighted to receive their nomination. Full details on the awards and how to file a nomination are available on the Law Society website at https://lso.ca/about-lso/medals-awards-and-honours/nominations-and-selection-process. The deadline for nominations is January 20, 2021.

I hope that you and your association will give this serious consideration. Should you have any questions please contact Mary Shena at mshena@lso.ca.

Sincerely,

Teresa Donnelly