

We are pleased to announce the judging panel for this year's Young Professional of the Year Award.



IRLA Young Professional of the Year 2022

2022's young professional will be remembered for their work and achievements during the second year of the pandemic. With working from home continuing to play a huge part, communication became more important than ever (with thanks to video conferencing).

There have been many changes within the sector, and the young professionals who have been nominated have embraced these changes amongst other things, and shown the ability to adapt and expand their skills set. This is evident from those nominating who have taken the time to put forward this year's candidates.

We are very pleased to announce our judges this year will be:



Liam Bedford
IRLA Young Professional of the Year 2021

Liam was selected as last year's recipient of the Award, and has shown excellent communication skills and a continuing willingness to be involved in (IRLA) training and events. As a senior associate at Kennedy's Law LLP, Liam's focus is primarily on asbestos-related claims having a special interest in representing local authorities with risks involving emerging diseases. Still very much a Young Professional, Liam will provide a youthful judging perspective on this year's panel.



Steve Hennessey
IRLA Director

Steve was reappointed to the IRLA board in 2021 and works to encourage member engagement including for the annual awards: involvement and support of social events: the annual membership survey. His personable and approachable manner enable him to assist at all levels, from sponsors to Young Professionals, and everyone in-between!



Natalie Pearce ACII
Senior Manager, PwC

Natalie has worked in the run-off industry for a number of years, specialising in long-tail liability management and in particular industrial disease claims. She has a passion for encouraging and developing talented diverse Young Professionals to ensure the industry continues to grow and thrive in the future. Natalie was delighted to be asked to be part of the team judging this award and is looking forward to learning about all the brilliant achievements the Young Professionals have made this year.



Stephen Roberts ACII
IRLA Chairman

Stephen became IRLA Chairman in 2019, alongside his role as Executive Director at Riverstone Management. Stephen is the primary public figure for the Association and represents the Association's mission to encourage sponsorship, social interactions and services to the sector. Stephen provides a balanced view at board meetings, taking note of directors and members viewpoints and suggestions, whilst understanding and considering the various aspects that underpin the Association.

The Award is for a young professional who has demonstrated one or more of the following:

- **Outstanding Leadership**
- **Outstanding Customer/Client Service**
- **Outstanding Business Outcomes**

For the full details on how to nominate a deserving person go to: www.irla-international.com/young-professionals-group/

The judges will select the winner from submissions received by 15 April, 2022 and the presentation will be at IRLA Congress in May 2022.

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Please [click here](#) to submit your nominations for a young legacy market professional who has demonstrated one or more of the following attributes:

- Outstanding Business Outcomes
- Outstanding Customer / Client Service
- Outstanding Leadership

Full details on the nomination criteria can be [found here](#).

Please remember to submit your nominations ahead of the closing date of 15 April 2022, to enable the panel to interview the nominees and showcase the reasons for their nominations.
