



## **AvMA 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Awards for Outstanding Contributions to Patient Safety & Justice**

### Overall approach:

The awards are for people who have made an outstanding contribution in the stated category during the period of AvMA's existence and helped bring about change (not necessarily who is currently or who has been the 'best' in their field) . All of the categories relate to AvMA's mission of improving patient safety and access to justice for people affected by medical accidents. 6 awards in total (see below).

### Exclusions:

Existing staff or trustees of AvMA, or those whose main contribution in this field was as a trustee or employee of AvMA.

### Nominations:

Nominations for all of the categories will be openly invited via AvMA's website, newsletters and letters to the various stakeholders with whom AvMA has contact. Any individual is able to nominate one person for each of the categories

### Judging:

Nominations received will be judged by a panel of three people for each category. Each panel (except 'defence solicitor') will include Arnold Simanowitz OBE (the founder/ex-chief executive of AvMA), with the other two places drawn from stakeholders knowledgeable in the specific field (avoiding potential nominees being on the judging panel!)

### Timing:

Nominations will be invited in May with a deadline of receipt by 1<sup>st</sup> July. Decisions by end of July on 5 short-listed candidates. The winners of the awards will be publicly announced and presented at the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, at the Science Museum, London.

**Criteria and Panel for each category:**

**Outstanding Contribution to IMPROVING PATIENT SAFETY**



**Criteria:**

- has raised awareness of the need to improve safety
- has led practical work to improve safety

**Panel:**

Arnold Simanowitz OBE (founder / past ceo of AvMA); Peter Walsh (ceo, AvMA); Stephen Thornton (ceo, The Health Foundation)

**Outstanding contribution as a CLAIMANT SOLICITOR**



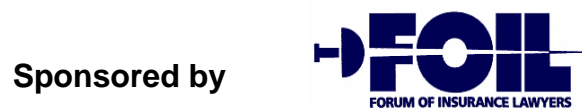
**Criteria:**

- has shown exceptional skill and enjoyed exceptional success as a solicitor in clinical negligence
- has helped develop a less adversarial system by example
- has shown innovation and contributed to understanding of the wider justice issues around clinical disputes and reform

**Panel:**

Arnold Simanowitz; OBE; Adrian Whitfield QC ; Roger Clements

**Outstanding contribution as a DEFENCE SOLICITOR**



**Criteria:**

- has shown exceptional skill and enjoyed exceptional success as a solicitor in clinical negligence
- has helped develop a less adversarial system by example
- has shown innovation and contributed to understanding of the wider justice issues around clinical disputes and reform

**Panel:**

Steve Walker (ceo, NHS Litigation Authority); Roger Clements; Adrian Whitfield QC

## Outstanding contribution as a **MEDICAL EXPERT**

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### Criteria:

- is respected by both claimant and defence lawyers / organisations
- has made exceptional contribution to developing the role of the expert witness
- has contributed to policy and reform

### Panel:

Arnold Simanowitz OBE; Ann Alexander; Brian Capstick

## Outstanding contribution as a **PATIENT / CAMPAIGNER**

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### Criteria:

- has been an effective and respected patient voice on issues around patient safety and justice
- has shown exceptional personal commitment and courage

### Panel:

Arnold Simanowitz OBE; Peter Mansell (NPSA); Ann Alexander

## Outstanding contribution as a **BARRISTER**

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### Criteria:

- exceptional success in clinical negligence cases, both for the claimant and the defence
- has shown innovation and contributed to understanding of wider justice issues in clinical disputes and reform
- has contributed to reform of systems or policies

### Panel:

Arnold Simanowitz OBE; Brian Capstick; Roger Clements