

MAYOR OF LONDON

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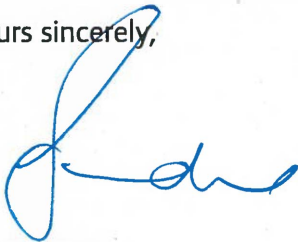
"I want London to remain a beacon of tolerance and diversity – one that other cities around the world look to for inspiration. However, I know that won't be possible unless our diversity goes hand-in-hand with an inclusive approach that ensures every Londoner – irrespective of their age, disability, gender, gender identity, marital status, race, religion, sexual orientation, social class, or whether they are pregnant or on maternity leave – gets to share in the prosperity generated by our incredible city.

I recognise that, as the Mayor of London, I have a leadership role to play in shaping and responding to changes in this great city. Our population is becoming more diverse. It is therefore a real pleasure to support the UK Diversity Legal Awards 2017.

Achieving more diversity amongst London's workforce at all levels and across all sectors is one of my top priorities. Someone's race, religion, background or gender should never be an impediment to them reaching the top. It is my hope that this event will be a real game changer to those employers, teams and individuals in the legal profession who have been willing to come forward to help drive the change. I look forward to them paving the way to greater diversity in their own workforces and providing inspiration to other employers and people to follow their sterling lead".

I hope the awards ceremony goes well and wish you and the Black Solicitors Network every success in your future endeavours.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London