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2018 Young Lawyer Award honours Tamsin Webster for her outstanding pro bono work

32-year-old Melbourne lawyer Tamsin Webster has won the 2018 Australian Young Lawyer Award for her continuous and outstanding contribution to the legal profession and the community through pro bono work.

Ms Webster joined Maddocks as a graduate in 2011 and immediately immersed herself in the pro bono and volunteering opportunities offered by the firm. She is currently a Senior Associate in the Employment, Safety & People team.

From 2012, Ms Webster has been involved in an impressive range of pro bono matters, including running a number of judicial review cases for asylum seeker clients in the Federal Circuit Court and Federal Court.

She has volunteered at the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, coordinated the Refugee Legal program at Maddocks, and made a significant contribution to the work of the Refugee and Immigration Legal Centre.

“Tamsin's desire to apply her considerable skills to benefit those who most need them is clear from her impressive pro bono record,” said Law Council of Australia President Morry Bailes.

“Her extensive pro bono efforts are made all the more impressive through the fact that she has simultaneously been running a full-time practice in Maddocks' Employment, Safety and People team.

“Those who have had the benefit of her efforts speak highly of her and with genuine affection.

“The judging panel was also impressed by the way she has played a pivotal mentoring and leadership role in the Maddocks pro bono program.

“She has organised training for young lawyers, and represented her firm in its relationship with Refugee Legal and Justice Connect. We understand Tamsin's enthusiasm for pro bono work is infectious and she is a wonderful mentor.

“Tamsin has already achieved so much, but she is certainly one to watch for the future. We will be watching her career develop with interest,” Mr Bailes said.

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