

## **DJM's Mamuna Farooq wins British Muslim Award**



We are delighted to say that DJM's Mamuna Farooq has won the prestigious "Young Achiever of the Year" Award at the inaugural British Muslim Awards 2013.

Mamuna, Solicitor in our Wills, Estates & Trusts department was the only Welsh Award winner at the prestigious ceremony hosted at the Sheridan Suite in Manchester on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

27 year old Mamuna was the youngest Award winner at the ceremony for which nearly 10,000 nominations were received across the UK from a variety of achievers including Muslim groups, businesses and individuals.

Mamuna was nominated for the British Muslim Award 2013 as she has impressively maintained her British and Muslim values throughout her educational and professional life, in a geographical area where she is one of very few Muslim females in the legal industry. Being an active member of the Muslim community in Swansea from a young age, Mamuna has always had a burning ambition to use her professional qualifications to help 'give back' to the community and she is one of, if not the first, Solicitor in Wales to offer a bespoke service of drafting and advising Muslim clients on Islamic (Sharia) Wills; something which we at DJM are very proud of.

Her ambition and professionalism has clearly been recognised and Mamuna is regarded as a proud British Muslim professional, effortlessly integrating her Welsh and Muslim values into the legal industry.

Mamuna joined us in 2008 as a Trainee Solicitor and was retained by DJM upon qualification in 2010 joining our Wills, Estates & Trusts team. She now specialises in all areas of Private Client law.

Mamuna was shortlisted in the Young Achiever of the Year category with four other worthy finalists, including Dragon's Den success story Imran Hakim of iTeddy.

Other finalists and Award winners included Olympian Mo Farah, boxer Amir Khan, footballer Samir Nasri, Dragon's Den James Caan, 99p Stores, Manchester City Football Club, Charily Islamic Relief, MP's Baroness Sayeeda Warsi & Anas Sarwar and BBC Five Live.

After receiving the Award presented by GrafX Media, Mamuna said:

*"I felt honoured and surprised to have been shortlisted as a finalist and honestly did not expect to receive the Award. I would like to congratulate the fellow finalists, especially in the Young Achiever category".*

*"To say I was excited when I unexpectedly heard my name called out is an understatement".*

*"I feel extremely fortunate to have been named as a finalist and then a winner at the first British Muslim Awards alongside public figures, individuals and businesses whom I admire and respect. To be told I'm regarded as a role model for younger Muslims is a true honour".*

Jonathan Powell, Director in our Estate & Trusts team commented:

*"To say that Mamuna exceeds the expectations of Solicitors in our firm would be an understatement. Her dedication and professionalism have resulted in a level of service given to clients which is second to none.*

*The prestigious Award is thoroughly deserved by Mamuna, and reflects the progression that we as a firm have made in offering bespoke services to clients, something which we pride ourselves on.*

*I look forward to observing and supporting Mamuna's progression in the legal profession for which she will no doubt win future Awards".*