

GAR Awards 2020 – the Pledge award

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The GAR Awards 2020 nominations process continues tonight, as for the first time we publish a public shortlist for the Equal Representation in Arbitration Pledge Award.

Together, GAR and the steering committee of the Pledge – a initiative to promote the appointment of women as arbitrators on an equal opportunity basis – wanted to recognise a person or organisation for outstanding commitment to gender diversity in the field of international arbitration.

At last year's GAR Awards, the inaugural Equal Representation in Arbitration Pledge Award was won by the Equity Project, an initiative led by Burford Capital to promote women in the law, after it was selected by the Pledge steering committee.

However, this year the award will be subject to a public vote. The nominations are below, with links to the relevant GAR article where available. A voting form will be published online next week to allow you to cast your votes.

The 2020 GAR Awards will be held on 2 April at the InterContinental Paris le Grand, forming part of Paris Arbitration Week. It will begin with the unveiling of the GAR 30, the annual ranking of the world's most active arbitration practices, followed by the presentation of our annual awards.

Details to register for the event and sponsorship opportunities can be found [here](#). If you think there is a noteworthy omission from any of our shortlists, please email tom.jones@globalarbitrationreview.com

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- ArbitralWomen Diversity Toolkit™ training programmes (rolled out during 2019)
- JAMS introduces an optional diversity and inclusion rider to its standard arbitration clauses and appoints a diversity programme manager (October 2019)
- WWA-LATAM initiative (Women Way in Arbitration Latin America) launched to promote women in arbitration in Latin America (June 2019)
- Lucy Greenwood's continued efforts to collate data and report on female arbitrator appointment statistics (October 2019)
- 43% of LCIA appointments for 2018 were of female arbitrators (reported 1 April 2019)
- AmCham Peru appoints a majority of female court members (December 2019)
- Katherine Simpson provided CETA signatories with a list of 70 experienced women trade experts for inclusion in the CETA List of Arbitrators (January 2020)
- All three Vice Presidents at the International Commercial Arbitration Court (ICAC) at the Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry are female (last two appointments made in January and October 2019)