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ICSA awards created

ICSA, the Governance Institute, is to reward local teams and individuals with the introduction of awards for the first time. An awards dinner will be held in November.

'Governance is at an all-time high in terms of its importance to global industry and society in general and it is great that we can recognise the achievements of our members by incorporating awards into our annual branch dinner,' said Sara Bourne, ICSA Guernsey branch chairwoman.

'Our members deal with complex issues such as corporate restructuring, shareholder relations, company law, corporate governance, regulation and compliance on a daily basis and we want to celebrate the important role that they play.' Five awards will be made, open to all ICSA members at any level, and nominations, including self-nominations, are welcomed for individuals and teams in the following categories:

■ Company secretary of the year

- for an individual who provides effective team and thought-leadership, shows mastery of the legal and regulatory environment and plays an added-value role in the governance of their organisation.

■ Corporate services team of the year - at least one fully-qualified ICSA member must be in the team.

■ Corporate services officer of the year - for an individual who plays an effective and added-value role within the team and company in which they work.

■ Governance, risk and compliance award of the year - for an individual or team who have shown exceptional performance in advancing governance, risk and compliance activities within their organisation.

■ One to Watch - this award recognises both recent achievement and future potential in company secretaries and administrators in the early stages of their career.