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Toowoomba lawyer Miranda Woodland is in line for a prestigious award. Bev Lacey

WHETHER she's ultimately successful in picking up a prestigious legal gong, young Toowoomba lawyer Miranda Woodland is just happy for the recognition.

Ms Woodland has been selected as a finalist in the prestigious The Lawyers Weekly 30 Under 30 awards, the winners of which will be announced in Sydney next month.

"I mainly do family law here at TASC (Toowoomba Advocacy and Support Centre) and that's the category I'm in for the awards," she said.

"The finals are in Sydney on 23rd of June but I'm just happy to be nominated.'

Simply being nominated for the award is a big achievement for a young solicitor who was only admitted in July 2014.

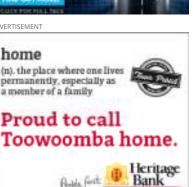
While working mainly in family law, the former St Ursula's College student provides advice to TASC clients and helps out in the Family Relationships Centre and acts as a duty solicitor in child protection and domestic violence cases.

In her spare time she also volunteers with The Dignity Project which helps people with visa applications in partnership with TASC for people who may have English as their second or third language.

"I enjoy what I'm doing here, providing free advice to people.

"We fill the gap in between Legal Aid which doesn't fund as many people these days and a private solicitor," Ms Woodland said.

In her brief career in the law, Ms Woodland has had experience with private practices in Brisbane and Gatton as well as some time with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in Brisbane.



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