

Margaret McDonald-Daw

Margaret McDonald-Daw is a senior lecturer in law and Professional Programme Director for the Bar Vocational Course at Manchester Metropolitan University, with teaching and research interests in evidence, advocacy, case analysis, and personal injury.

Several students, ex-students and colleagues put Margaret forward for the Law Teacher of the Year Award 2010. The nomination was full of examples of the way in which Margaret endeavours to “engage and inspire students,” in particular through “her down to earth style (which) enables students to grasp legal concepts”.

The nomination particularly emphasized Margaret’s approach to teaching, noting that she “displayed an inherent respect for all the students and promoted active discussion bringing a positive attitude to all the sessions”.

This respect clearly went both ways, demonstrated with one student stating that “Margaret inspired me to become a law lecturer.”



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Margaret is a Deputy District Judge (Civil) and a Tutor Judge in Mock Trial Advocacy Classes. Margaret practices part-time at the Bar, and is Head of the Costs Team and a Tenant at Young Street Chambers in Manchester. She has qualified as a Pupil Supervisor and has supervised three pupil barristers (two of whom were ex-students). Margaret is also a member of the Northern Circuit Advocacy Training Committee, an external examiner for the Bar Council, and speaker at the Bar Providers Conference.

