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London's Ihsane Elidrissi Elhassani shortlisted for prestigious legal award.

Ihsane Elidrissi Elhassani has been shortlisted for the Law Society's prestigious Excellence Awards, the highest accolade for lawyers in England and Wales. She has been shortlisted in the Woman Lawyer of the Year Category.

Ihsane Elidrissi Elhassani is passionate, relational, concerned, ethical, caring advocate for clients, values-centered, utmost professional, sees the big picture, empowers others, solid facilitator, multicultural, polyglot with strong charisma and presence. Those are only few of so many fascinating ways to describe her; ways to describe a successful and consummate leader in the field of law.

Ihsane Elidrissi Elhassani said: "Being shortlisted in the Woman Lawyer of the Year Category is the ultimate recognition for any female law practitioner in England and Wales. It has even more significance for me, the Moroccan born lawyer who graduated in law from a Moroccan university, acquired a Master's degree in Belgium and qualified as a Solicitor in England and Wales. It is a nod to all competent women lawyers from foreign origin especially Arab women including Moroccans. The nomination highlights one of many qualities that attracted me to practice law in the UK, a country that I call home now, **MERITOCRACY**, if you put in the effort, talent and hard work, you will be recognised, regardless of your nationality, skin colour or religion".

Law Society president Christina Blacklaws said: "There are more than 9,000 firms and 140,000 solicitors in England and Wales, so to be shortlisted for an Excellence Award is to be recognised as being among the best of the best.

"All the firms and solicitors who are shortlisted should be congratulated for the work they do day-in day-out to support their clients, many of whom are navigating complex and challenging legal problems.

"At a time of immense pressure on the justice system, the incredible work being done by solicitors across the country should be applauded."

Winners are announced at the Law Society's Excellence Awards ceremony in London on 17 October.

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