

## 5 Women Attys Named Influential Legal Tech Leaders

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*Law360 (March 18, 2024, 4:30 PM EDT)* -- Leaders from Crowell & Moring LLP, Gilbert & Tobin and Gowling WLG were among the five honored Monday by the International Legal Technology Association as part of its 2024 list of Influential Women in Legal Technology.

The honorees are Alma Asay, chief innovation and value officer at Crowell & Moring; Aalia Manie, head at South Africa-based Webber Wentzel Fusion; Terri Mottershead, executive director at the Centre For Legal Innovation at the College of Law Australia; Caryn Sandler, partner and chief knowledge and innovation officer at Australian firm Gilbert & Tobin; and Ginevra Saylor, national director of innovation and knowledge at Gowling WLG in Toronto.

Jeanne Martinez, director of membership and volunteer operations at ILTA and head of the 2024 Influential Women in Legal Tech awards, said in a statement that the recipients were chosen by ILTA members, business partners and staff judges out of more than 120 nominations and more than 80 applications.

"These women represent legal technologists from across the globe. They are the movers and shakers within the legal community, and we have all benefited from hearing them speak at conferences, publications they've written, and programs they've developed," Martinez said. "We salute them for fostering conversations on the intersection of law and tech and helping us aspire to contribute at the highest level possible."

Each year in March, during International Women's History Month, ILTA publishes a list to recognize outstanding women leaders in the global legal tech community.

The list has been published annually since 2020. In the first three years, each list honored five women. Last year, the list was expanded to include 16 names.

This year's recipients are all lawyers, a first in the award's history, according to Joy Heath Rush, chief executive officer at ILTA.

The honorees are selected for their dedication to fostering change and female leadership, the association said.

Asay's accomplishments include founding her own legal tech company, Allegory Law, and becoming Crowell & Moring's first chief innovation and value officer, according to ILTA.



Alma Asay



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Mottershead



Caryn Sandler



Ginevra Saylor

Prior to becoming head of Webber Wentzel, Manie was a practicing intellectual property attorney and then chief operating officer of tech startup Snapt, ILTA said.

In addition to being executive director of the Centre For Legal Innovation, Mottershead is chair of Queensland Law Society's generative AI in legal practice joint working group, according to ILTA.

Sandler leads the Gilbert & Tobin Legal Service Innovation team and G+T Innovate, overseeing more than 70 lawyers and business professionals working across transformation, legal informatics and data, legal project management, and knowledge management, ILTA said.

Before joining Gowling WLG in Toronto, Saylor had knowledge management leadership roles at two other law firms, Dentons and Toronto-based McMillan LLP, according to her LinkedIn profile. She also previously was president of ILTA's board of directors.

"This group of five global powerhouses, representing five countries on three continents, demonstrates a commitment to applying technology to achieve innovation in the practice of the law," Heath Rush said in a statement.

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