

# THE CON SCIACCA MEMORIAL AWARD

RECOGNISING A CONTRIBUTION TO AUSTRALIA'S  
WORKERS THROUGH THE MEMORY OF A UNIQUE  
AUSTRALIAN – CON SCIACCA



## Introduction

The Con Sciacca Memorial Award ("The Award") honours the life of Con Sciacca.

Con Sciacca was a solicitor of the Supreme and High Courts of Australia and a Federal Minister of the Crown. His life was devoted to protecting the interests of Australian workers. Sciacca was a labor politician and in his role as a solicitor and advocate acted for Australian unions and their members.

The Award honours his memory.

## Eligible Recipients

Each year, the award is presented to an individual who epitomises a devotion to the union movement and hardworking Australians and who shares Con Sciacca's values and beliefs and, in particular, passion for representing the rights of workers.

The recipient will be a person who:

- a. Is an employee or official of an Australian Union;
- b. Is a member of an Australian Union who has shown an attitude and willingness to advance the interests and rights of Australian workers;
- c. Is a law student or lawyer working in the field of workers' rights, labour law and industrial relations.

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### About the Award

#### Selection Committee

A committee consisting of a former Labor politician, an Australian union official; a partner of the law firm Sciaccas; a member of the Sciacca family; and an independent director will choose the award winner.

#### Call for Nominations

Nominations will be called from all/selected unions. The law faculties of each Queensland based university will be contacted and requested to make nominations. In addition to nominations, the committee have the right to independently nominate candidates of their choosing as part of the nomination pool.

#### Selection Criteria

The criteria for selecting the successful candidate includes:

1. Adhering to Con Sciacca's values.
2. Contribution to the Labor or union movement.
3. Personal achievement
4. Leadership qualities
5. Ethics

#### Timeline

Nominations will require:

1. A written application addressing the selection criteria; and
2. Two referees supporting the application provided by a written or verbal reference.

#### ANNUAL NOMINATION PERIOD:

**31 MARCH - 30 JUNE**

#### The Award

The winner will be awarded:



A framed certificate/plaque



A trophy



A cheque for \$3,000.00 to be used by the nominee or to be paid on behalf of the nominee as directed for altruistic or further education purposes



Acknowledgement on Sciaccas' website and media.

### Where can I apply?

Visit [sciaccas.com.au/con-sciacca-award](https://sciaccas.com.au/con-sciacca-award)  
to download and complete the application form