

# Q&A

Netlaw Media talks with Sayid Hussein, Head of IT (UK & Middle East), Dentons, to reflect on his success at being awarded 'Leader of the year' at The British Legal Technology Awards 2017.



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## **H**ow do you feel having won the 'Leader of the Year' award?

I feel very privileged and honoured to have been considered and then recognised by my peers for the achievements I have made whilst being Head of IT at Dentons.

## **I**n your opinion what did you do differently that made Dentons/ you stand out to the judges?

I feel that my honesty with the vast amount of projects and initiatives delivered by my team in the preceding year was one of the factors. Then highlighting the challenges we had faced in accomplishing everything that we did also stood me in good stead. Furthermore, it was the question and answer session that I had with the judging panel following my presentation to them where I shared my views on how I had tackled certain initiatives within these projects.

## **H**ow do you feel this award will affect your business going forward?

It will help Dentons to be recognised for having the right talent in the right roles and also shows that Dentons leadership teams are good enough to be recognised amongst their peers in the legal vertical. Also that Dentons take employing the right candidates seriously for the jobs that are advertised. It will certainly help securing the right talent moving forward.

## **I**s there anything else you wish to share with our viewers/ readers?

Firstly thank you for everyone's support both prior and continued to the award. It is also great to know that events like BLTF, are ones where we can share and discuss our challenges and look for the best advice amongst our community and colleagues. It's important to know that we are a community that can support one another despite us all being in a competitive environment.

## **W**hat was your most memorable moment from The British Legal Technology Awards 2017?

Naturally winning the award, which was certainly a surprise given the calibre of other candidates that were nominees in the category, but more so the collective support and appreciation I had from everyone at the awards ceremony last November.

## **W**ill you be entering The British Legal Technology Awards 2018?

Sadly not this year, but I will certainly consider it again in the future if I feel that either myself or my team have achievements that merit wider recognition. ■