

Migration lawyer gets top award

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A TOP young Darwin lawyer has taken home one of Australia's most prestigious law awards.

Kevin Kadirgamar, 26, was presented on Thursday night with the 2015 Australian Young Lawyer Award by the Law Council of Australia for his pro bono work in the areas of migration and refugee law.

He has worked on many high-profile cases including asylum seeker Mojgan Shamsalipoor, who is being detained at Wickham Point Detention Centre and fighting a deportation back to Iran.

The Ward Keller senior lawyer said the award was a surprise as the firm had nominated him without his knowledge.

"This award is more about an endorsement and affirmation by the legal profession of what the role of a lawyer is and that we should be doing these things to help when ever we can," he said.

Mr Kadirgamar beat 11 other candidates to collect the award.

