## **DDLS Annual Awards Dinner 2023**

Manesha Ruparel, President 2022/23 hosted top table guests including Judges, the High Sheriff, Magistrates and Presidents from neighbouring local law societies. We were also pleased to welcome a table made up of past presidents and guests plus three tables of local and not so local Barrister's Chambers. It was great to see so many young lawyers that we had to split them on to two tables and we welcomed some familiar faces and some firms who are either new to the area or have not attended the dinner for a few years. We hope that you enjoyed yourself and that we see you again soon.

Alan Hudson did an amazing job as both magician and comedian. A really original and entertaining show. The dancing which concluded the night (and sound effects during the evening) was expertly played by Dominic Degnan from Pro Disco's and Entertainment.

We were pleased to welcome this year's Gold Patron Hallam Wealth Management together with dinner sponsors Greg Gillespie from Tacet Global and Craig Dade from Leap. Thank you for your support.

Thanks to members of DJL who sold raffle tickets on the night and to those who donated prizes and bought tickets. An amazing £1260 was raised for the President's Charity – Derbyshire Mind.

The Awards Dinner continues to go from strength to strength and as one member of DJL put it is " a great celebration of the success of Derby and District Law Society and it's members"

Photos below by Minal Mody



Figure 2 Manesha and husband Shas who compared the evening



Figure 1 Family Law Group



Figure 3 Nelsons



Figure 3 Rotheras



Figure 5 Manesha and some of the Judges



Figure 6 Alan Hudson (magician) with the High Sheriff of Derbyshire