

Bar Pro Bono Awards 2018

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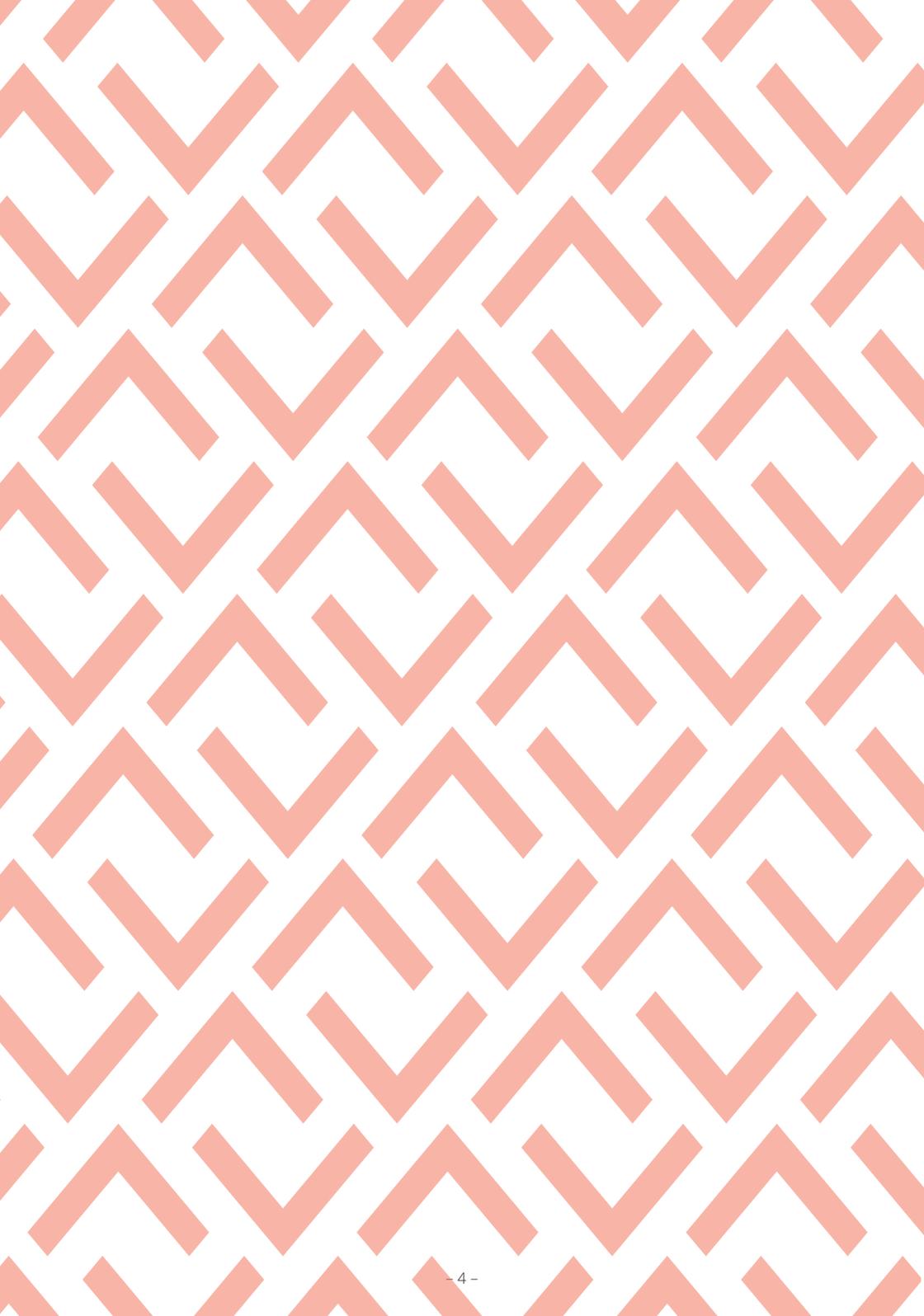
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The Awards

The Bar Pro Bono Award has been expanded this year to nine awards covering a range of categories, to truly capture the sheer volume and variety of pro bono taking place across the Bar.

The award categories this year are:

Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year, sponsored by Place Campbell

Junior Pro Bono Barrister of the Year, sponsored by Juriosity

Pro Bono QC of the Year, sponsored by Judicial & Silk (formerly 'JSB Judicial')

International Pro Bono Barrister of the Year

Employed Pro Bono Barrister of the Year

Pro Bono Chambers' Staff Member of the Year, sponsored by the Legal Practice Management Association

Pro Bono Innovation of the Year, sponsored by Lexis Nexis

Pro Bono Chambers of the Year

Lifetime Achievement in Pro Bono, the Sydney Elland Goldsmith Award. This award will be announced at the Bar Conference 2018.

Nominations for Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2018

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Criteria

- Recognising the commitment to pro bono work demonstrated by young barristers in recent years, this award celebrates a barrister at the beginning of their career showing exceptional dedication to increasing opportunities for access to justice.
- Particular consideration will be given to those who have demonstrated a significant time commitment over the last year.
- Nominees for this award must be under 7 years' post pupillage and should demonstrate that they are leading the pack in encouraging others to undertake pro bono work.

Nominees

Marianne Alton	Lincoln House Chambers and Evolve	Mark O'Grady	Lamb Chambers
		Anthony Pavlovich	3VB
Riccardo Calzavara	Cornerstone Barristers	Navid Pourghazi	Cloisters
		Genevieve Reed	Red Lion Chambers
Beth Grossman	Ely Place Chambers	Nicholas Sadeghi	Legis Chambers
Barnaby Hope	Selborne Chambers	Charles Streeten	Francis Taylor Building
Nicola Kohn	39 Essex Chambers		
Jonathan Metzger	1 Crown Office Row	Paul Wright	9 Stone Buildings
George Molyneaux	Blackstone Chambers		



Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2018: Nominee

Marianne Alton



Marianne Alton was nominated by her Head of Chambers, Andrew Thomas QC.

Marianne has been nominated in recognition of her commitment to improving access to justice in Uganda.

She is a founding trustee member of Evolve and has travelled to Uganda on three separate occasions this year along with spending significant amounts of time in preparation for a Judicial Sentencing Conference.

Working alongside local advocates and other UK lawyers Marianne has directly contributed to work on well over 100 cases, almost all of which have resulted in the imposition of a sentence other than death.

She has provided written submissions to the Supreme Court in Uganda as well as assisting with numerous cases before the High Court and Appellate Court.

Marianne is currently developing a permanent framework to support Ugandan lawyers in capital cases in the future. She has organised and participated in a sentencing conference in Uganda which was attended by members of the Ugandan judiciary including the Chief Justice, the Deputy Chief Justice and members of the High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court.

"The award would be a fitting tribute to someone whose volunteer legal work has saved lives and done much to reboot the sentencing practice in the Ugandan courts."

Tom Storrie, Lincoln House Chambers



Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2018: Nominee

Riccardo Calzavara



Riccardo has undertaken many hours of pro bono work this year both through the Chancery Bar Litigant in Person Support Scheme (CLIPS) and the Court of Appeal Permission to Appeal Scheme (COAS) as well as undertaking a significant amount of work outside of these frameworks.

Lucy Fox, Solicitor at ARKrights, has known Riccardo for four years and notes

his utmost commitment to his clients, to furthering access to justice and to publicly funded work. She said: "Much of our work is for social housing tenants and / or applications for homelessness assistance, and some of it involves attending at court after hours. Many of our clients are extremely vulnerable. Riccardo is always happy to help these clients."

"It's clear that rather than just take on pro bono work as and when he has availability, or if he sees a case which will help him develop his career, Riccardo deliberately sets time aside for pro bono matters and sees this work as one of the foundations of his practice...Since Riccardo has been at Cornerstone and before in his former chambers, he has dedicated a huge amount of time to pro bono cases. In the last twelve months he has spent at least 187 hours supporting three clients... Even in the short time that he has been here, Riccardo has been evangelical among his new colleagues in Chambers about pro bono work."

Elizabeth Woodman, Chief Executive, Cornerstone

Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2018: Nominee

Beth Grossman



Beth was nominated in recognition of her work with Mencap. Mencap set up a learning disability legal network in April 2018 in response to dramatic cuts to social care funding. The cuts mean that people with a learning disability cannot always get access to early legal help or the social care and benefits that they have a right to.

Beth has taken on several cases this year but is recognised by Mencap for one case in particular. This involved a young man who has autism, learning disabilities and had been homeless for five months. Whilst homeless the client had been groomed by other individuals on the street.

The client was refused funding by the legal aid agency and was therefore left without

legal representation to resolve matters. Beth offered to take the matter up on a direct access pro bono arrangement. Although it had not been anticipated that the case would require the levels of work that it did, Beth continued to work on the matter with the same degree of care, skill and time commitment as in her paid work.

As a result of Beth's tenacity, the client is now housed in a permanent residential provision, specialising in support for individuals with autism and learning disabilities. Without Beth's support, the client would undoubtedly still be on the streets today.

"Without the support and representation Beth gave to one particular client, he would have not had the access to justice and resulting successful outcome that he did. Beth's support is instrumental in progressing a number of hugely complex cases and achieving successful and life changing outcomes for those with a learning disability."

Hannah Hewish, Legal Caseworker, Mencap



Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2018: Nominee

Barnaby Hope

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Barnaby Hope was nominated by his Head of Chambers Mark Warwick QC.

He selects cases with a view to helping those truly in need, not by those that might potentially advance his career, even where the work may be run-of-the-mill or involve difficult clients. His pro bono work this year includes several example of cases which demonstrate a commitment to seeing cases through until the end; many of which have involved weeks' worth of work at a time.

Barnaby has recently taken on a case from Advocate which will involve a significant time commitment. Last year, it went to the Court of Appeal where the other side was represented by a silk. Mr Warwick QC said: "This proves that Barnaby is willing to take on difficult and complicated cases where he feels he is able to assist a litigant in a

situation where they would otherwise be considerably outmatched."

He continued: "I can say that Barnaby is setting an excellent example to members of chambers who might feel that they would not have sufficient time to take on pro bono work. He plainly is making a huge difference to individuals who are unable to fund legal representation and find themselves in difficult situations."

This year Barnaby represented a gentleman who suffered a significant accident when a crane he was driving overturned, leaving him with serious disabilities for which he continues to seek compensation.

His client said: "I will always be eternally grateful for Barnaby's help and valuable time. I can now see a light at the end of a very dark tunnel, hopefully looking forward to a successful conclusion to a very difficult six years of fighting this situation on my own."

Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2018: Nominee

Nicola Kohn



Nicola Kohn was nominated by Lindsay Scott, Chief Executive 39 Essex Chambers.

Nicola's contribution to the historic landmark judgment of the Court of Appeal: *JT v FTT* [2018] EWCA CIV 1735 has brought her to the attention of the judging panel this year.

This case has paved the way for the scrapping of the so-called same roof rule and received extensive coverage including in the national newspapers and television.

JT was violently sexually abused by her stepfather in the 1970s but due to the same roof rule, a clause in the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme, because she and her stepfather had lived together as members of the family at the time of her injury, and because it had taken place

before 1 October 1979, she was ineligible for a criminal injury award.

Lawyers and domestic abuse activists had campaigned for decades against the unfair and discriminatory provision without success and had been to both the Court of Appeal and to the Court of Session before and failed. It was widely considered to be an unwinnable battle.

In July 2018 the Court of Appeal handed down a unanimous judgment that the same roof rule was discriminatory and without reasonable justification and the Ministry of Justice has further announced that it will review the entire Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme.

"Nicola took on a case from a student law clinic, and pursued it to the Court of Appeal, not only winning but ultimately leading the Ministry of Justice to change an unfair law that had been in place for 40 years. Nicola devoted weeks of her time to the case and for a long time had little practical back up for her work as counsel. Another key aspect of Nicola's work was her commitment to the client herself and her ability to connect sensitively with someone who had suffered such terrible abuse and to encourage her to pursue her fight for justice"

Fenella Morris QC, 39 Essex Chambers



Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2018: Nominee

Jonathan Metzger



Jonathan Metzger was nominated by David Hart QC, 1 Crown Office Row.

Jonathan was nominated for his dedication to undertaking pro bono cases both inside and outside of Advocate his year.

Since commencing tenancy in September 2017 he has taken instructions in the areas of public law and immigration as well as a

week-long planning inquiry.

The work has involved appearing in the Immigration First Tier Tribunal and the Upper Tribunal as well as extensive preparation time.

“Jonathan is sincerely dedicated to providing much needed assistance to individuals who would otherwise lack representation... Perhaps the most striking aspect of Jonathan’s commitment to providing pro bono assistance is the volume and consistency of the instructions which he accepts by comparison with my peers at the junior bar.”

Charlotte Gilmartin, 1 Crown Office Row

Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2018: Nominee

George Molyneaux

Blackstone
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George has undertaken a wide range of high profile and complex cases in the last year.

Acting for the AIRE Centre in R (Bashir) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2018], an immigration case concerning refugees in the UK's sovereign base areas in Cyprus, as well as acting for the Commonwealth Lawyers Association as amicus curiae in Qassim v Trump, a case in the US courts about due process standards in habeas corpus applications by Guantanamo detainees, George's work has had profound implications for many individuals beyond the parties to the case.

In his work for Citizens Advice and FRU, he has covered race discrimination, racial harassment, disability discrimination, post-employment victimisation and unfair dismissal, achieving a total compensation of £66,000. These were life-changing settlement sums that were sufficient for each client to clear all their debts accrued since losing their

jobs, enabling them to find new work and get their lives back on track.

His commitment to pro bono has been prolific, totalling 450 recorded hours of pro bono work in the last 12 months – approximately equivalent to 50% of the billable hours expected of a legal aid solicitor. While barristers are often still getting to grips with a brief at conference, George has regularly proven himself 'ferociously well-prepared' at this stage, teasing out evidential details that have considerably strengthened the claims.

Despite his academic and professional achievements, he is exceptionally modest and approachable, making special effort not to rush clients without English as a first language, and patiently explaining procedure, quantum and merits in a clear fashion.

"George's intellectual insight and industry played a fundamental role in the content of the brief ... his intellectual excellence and enthusiasm has been hugely appreciated"

Tim Otty QC



Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2018: Nominee

Mark O'Grady



Mark O'Grady has been nominated for his outstanding pro bono commitment in his Second and Third Six.

During his Second Six at Devereux Chambers he undertook a pro bono case for Advocate, Anderson v Sheil, which extended over two days. The court recorder for the case, James Thom QC, remarked on the exceptional manner and substance of his advocacy as belonging to a tenant of at least five years' experience in a good set of chambers, testament to his fierce professionalism and ability.

Where he has been paid, he has frequently gone above and beyond, performing far more work than he was paid for at no extra cost, or moving paid work to accommodate pro bono assistance. Mark is in the minority of barristers enthusiastically willing to travel beyond his local circuit to assist with pro bono, demonstrating quite exceptional commitment on a recent case demanding an estimated three days of assistance in Wrexham County Court.

One case in which Mark had a considerable effect upon was heard in the Court of Protection, in which a client's local NHS Trust had made an application to perform a full dental clearance, supported by expert evidence, upon her son. The client opposed this on grounds that evidence was not conclusive that her son lacked capacity. Mark was able to provide robust advice on the steps the client should take in relation to the time constraints and support her with superb written submissions.

Since April 2018, Mark was made a tenant at Lamb Chambers, following his Third Six there. While undertaking a significant volume of pro bono work during this time, he did so without any show and with great humility – leaving his senior clerk quite unaware of the amount of pro bono work he had done until now.

"These cases are some of the most difficult for counsel to undertake but are certainly some of the most important ... the commitment to undertaking pro bono work through Advocate shown by Mark is to be commended."

Harry Buckle, Senior Caseworker at Advocate

Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2018: Nominee

Anthony Pavlovich



Anthony Pavlovich was nominated by fellow 3VB barrister Andrew Onslow QC.

Anthony has been nominated in recognition of his exceptional dedication to increasing opportunities for access to justice this year. As well as acting for three clients this year Anthony has committed a significant amount of time to encouraging others to undertake pro bono work.

Anthony volunteers regularly for CLIPS, the pro bono duty scheme in the Chancery applications court and has also volunteered for COAS, the corresponding scheme in the Court of Appeal. He is the Pro Bono Champion for his Chambers and actively encourages colleagues to volunteer for Advocate, to act as reviewers or to donate.

Commenting on his work for the CLIPS and COAS in nominating Anthony, Mr Onslow QC

said: "It takes real courage and dedication to appear in the Applications Court for clients only met that day and to work out and present submissions on subjects with which he may have previously been entirely unfamiliar, potentially against specialist Counsel of much greater experience and seniority, His willingness to appear in the Court of Appeal, which can be forbidding for the most senior barristers, is also notable."

This year Anthony organised a seminar, which was attended to full capacity, for anyone interested in CLIPS. He spoke about pro bono costs orders alongside a representative of the Access to Justice Foundation who explained how the money from pro bono costs orders is spent.

One of Anthony's clients, whom he represented this year on a pro bono basis, said: *"For those people who are trodden on and do not have what it takes to try and go forward in helping themselves, I cannot help feeling that somehow justice cannot always help the underdog and I know I will always be eternally grateful beyond words for his help, when he did not need to do so. People like Anthony are few and there isn't enough praise that can be given. Without meaning to sound over the top he was my rock that helped me through this and if there is a possible award, I truly cannot imagine anyone more deserving."*



Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2018: Nominee

Navid Pourghazi



Navid Pourghazi was nominated by Adam Ohringer, Pro Bono Champion at Cloisters.

Navid was nominated because of his commitment to ensuring everyone has access to justice, regardless of their means or vulnerabilities.

In putting Navid forward his colleague at Cloisters, Adam Ohringer, praised Navid's commitment to pro bono work saying: "Navid truly sets an example for all young barristers. He has spent a staggering proportionate of his first years in practice representing some of the most vulnerable clients against the largest and best resourced opponents, with a remarkable success rate. His cases are already having a significant impact on the law, such as Royal Mail Group Ltd v Efobi (discrimination law) and R (Jollah) v SSHD (immigration detention and false imprisonment).

"He always encourages those around him to take on more pro bono work, and cares

passionately about widening access to justice. Navid was in Advocate's top ten list of barristers undertaking cases in 2017."

Notably Navid undertakes pro bono work in a very wide range of practice areas, from employment law, to public and administrative law, discrimination law, immigration law and international humanitarian and human rights law.

The impact of Navid's work includes the Court of Appeal's decision in Royal Mail Group v Efobi promises to address numerous fundamental issues in discrimination law which would affect the rights of millions of people. R (Jollah) has served as a test case on how to handle the claims of many individuals who have been falsely imprisoned; while Collins v Compass Group has the potential to lead to many more women seeking equal pay.

"Navid's pro bono work has had an enormous impact on the lives of his clients, many of whom faced a myriad of difficulties accessing legal advice, including a lack of financial means, language barriers, physical and mental health problems, and significant caring responsibilities for others."

Adam Ohringer, Cloisters

Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2018: Nominee

Genevieve Reed



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CHAMBERS

Genevieve Reed was nominated by David Malone, Chambers colleague.

Genevieve's nomination this year is in recognition of her selfless dedication to the cause of justice.

Her former pupil supervisor David Malone comments that Genevieve's commitment to pro bono work is perhaps becoming increasingly unusual for someone so junior practising at the criminal bar. Despite Legal Aid cuts having a drastic impact on the income of practitioners at the junior end she has been a panel member with Advocate since she was able to do so. She immediately took on cases and continues to do so being 'an inspiration to us all'.

Examples of her work this year include assisting a pro bono client from Ethiopia who was imprisoned and tortured whilst resident there and suffered from severe PTSD as a consequence. He moved to the UK and was on the brink of qualifying as a pharmacist when he was attacked on the street whilst coming to the aid of a friend. Genevieve supported David Massarella of 1 Pump Court in the case eventually resulting in an award of £307,833 from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority.

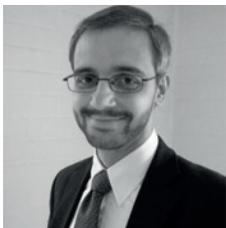
She has also been assisting a prisoner serving life for murder with his parole hearings over a period of more than two years.

"I appreciate everything you do for me. Beyond legal advice, the care as a human being. And working tirelessly to ensure that I was given a fair decision. It was a long and upsetting process and I couldn't have ever thought anyone would stay by my side for this long but you did stand by my side without giving up on me."

Pro Bono Client

"Genevieve is an outstanding junior barrister with a passion for justice and her pro bono work this year has been nothing short of remarkable."

Mark Bennett, Practice Director, Red Lion Chambers



Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2018: Nominee

Nicholas Sadeghi

 Legis Chambers

Nicholas Sadeghi was nominated by Pierre Makhoulf, Bail for Immigration Detainees.

Nicholas has been nominated for his support for Bail for Immigration Detainees (BID). As well as undertaking a considerable number of pro bono cases this year he has also helped BID to develop its approach in bail cases so as to gain release for some of the most complex and difficult cases.

In particular he has gained bail for former foreign national prisoners who have faced immense difficulties accessing justice and gaining any sympathy to enable them to

obtain bail. His clients include some of the most marginalised people in the UK.

Pierre Makhoulf, who nominated Nicholas, said: "The commitment and drive that Nicholas has shown has been an inspiration to other volunteers who join BID, and he has served as an example to others as a volunteer who helps people in immigration detention gain access to justice, and whose active involvement in challenging detention has helped to influence BID as a whole."

"Nic was amazing during the hearing...He was our voice in front of the judge and I don't see anybody else representing us better....Our quality of life has now improved, we can meet our expenses, and I now have a secure job and am planning to further my studies. Most of all we feel free and safe."

Pro Bono Client

Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2018: Nominee

Charles Streeten



Francis Taylor Building



Charles Streeten was nominated by Emily Shirley.

Charles was nominated for his work, led by Robert McCracken QC, in challenging the unlawful air pollution that kills 100 people annually in the Canterbury area and harms countless others, especially the young, the elderly and the weak.

Charles has dedicated numerous hours to two cases in particular throughout 2018 (and before this) including appearing as Robert's junior in the High Court and the Court of Appeal this year.

Both cases are seeking to make air pollution law matter locally and therefore to lead to planning decisions that improve air quality overall, not make it worse.

The Pro Bono Champion at Charles' Chambers commends his 'most significant commitment to a pro bono ethic' throughout his three years in Chambers to date covering both high profile litigation and a raft of low profile cases and notes that 'the number of hours he has dedicated to pro bono litigation are extraordinary by any standard'.

"Charles' involvement in what has become high profile litigation will arguably encourage other young barristers to provide pro bono assistance because he is highly respected in his field. He is quick witted, fearless and abhors injustice and so he is able to demonstrate to others that tackling risky cases on a pro bono basis is, in fact, in the interests of justice."

Emily Shirley (one of the claimants in Shirley & Rundell vs Secretary of State & Others)



Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2018: Nominee

Paul Wright

9 STONE
BUILDINGS
Barristers' Chambers

Paul Wright was nominated by his Head of Chambers Edward Denehan.

Paul was nominated in recognition of his willingness to take on a particularly complex contentious probate case at especially short notice.

Due to the late notice of the case he took a two day civil trial with only two days available to prepare; working with a large number of haphazard documents. Whilst this may not be uncommon at the junior bar this was a case of some complexity in law and fact.

Edward Denehan said: "Four solid days working on this case, doubtless helping the Court and the client achieve a just result is an exceptional effort worthy of celebration. Paul was just completing his practising pupillage and made a significant time commitment at very short notice. His example shows that junior barristers should not be daunted by taking pro bono work in difficult circumstances where a dispute needs to be resolved."

"I would like to say how grateful I am for the kind, efficient and responsible way Paul Wright represented me at the County Court at Central London. He was only asked by the Pro Bono Champion at the last minute and was unable to see the complete file until an hour or two before the actual hearing, yet worked hard to put a good case together."

Pro Bono Client



Nominations for Junior Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2018

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Criteria

- This award highlights the outstanding pro bono work of a junior barrister practising in any area of law.
- They must have demonstrated significant commitment to the pro bono ethic over the last year, whether through the dedication of considerable time and expertise or through the undertaking of cases that have a substantial impact on the client, community or the access to justice sector.

Nominees

Sandra Akinbolu	Lamb Building
Steve Broach	Monkton Chambers
Toby Brown	South Square
Sarah Lucy Cooper	Thomas More Chambers
Patricia Glass	12 Old Square
Paul Infield	The 36 Group
Sarah Keogh	Old Square Chambers
Louise MacLynn	1GC Family Law
David Massarella	Cloisters
Rebecca Murray	Temple Tax Chambers
Darren Snow	Charter Chambers
James Williams	Henderson Chambers



Junior Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2018: Nominee

Sandra Akinbolu



Sandra has been nominated by Bernard Richmond QC, Head of Chambers, Lamb Building.

Sandra has been nominated for her varied contribution to pro bono work. She has reviewed over 50 cases for Advocate, frequently turning round urgent reviews in a matter of hours so that caseworkers can begin to place with counsel. In one particular case at the end of 2017, she not only reviewed one such urgent deportation case, but also agreed to represent the applicant herself the very next day. The client was very unwell and by the time of the hearing was on dialysis four times a day. Sandra not only saved the client the extreme discomfort of attending court herself, but also convinced

the judge that it was a case of exceptional humanitarian need. The Judge granted the client leave to remain and the client was able to spend Christmas with her family.

Within her chambers, she has been particularly noted for her encouragement of pro bono work, especially amongst pupils whom she encourages to take on cases, with her support, via Advocate. In addition, she also undertakes pro bono work outside of Advocate, including criminal appeals, inquests as well as teaching and other educational activities.

"Throughout my pupillage year, Ms. Akinbolu acted as a role model to my fellow pupils and I. she encouraged us all to undertake pro bono Immigration work, leading by example in terms of both her dedication to her pro bono clients and enthusiasm for pro bono work."

Dr Thomas Richardson, Lamb Building



Junior Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2018: Nominee

Steve Broach



Steve is nominated by Catriona Filmer, Head of Pro Bono at Fieldfisher.

Steve is nominated in light of his contribution to the Mencap Learning Disability Legal Network. The legal network's vision is to ensure that people with a learning disability can have fulfilled lives by making sure that they can access justice to secure the social care that they have a right to.

Steve provided his pro bono support to set up a barristers panel to aid with the early legal help element of the project. His help was invaluable and now there are eight barristers on the panel who provide one-off pieces of advice as well as ongoing

support to clients unable to get advice and representation through other means.

In six months, Steve and the rest of the panel have supported 10 cases of vulnerable individuals. Steve has supported the project by donating his own time and resources completely pro bono. As a direct result of his work, unlawful blanket policies have been overturned in a local authority, resulting in people with a learning disability being able to access direct payments, something which they had previously been unlawfully denied.

"Steve assisted us to recruit a team of barristers with an interest and expertise in human rights, community care, mental capacity and social welfare law. Without Steve we would not have been able to set this panel up."

Catriona Filmer, Head of Pro Bono at Fieldfisher

Junior Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2018: Nominee

Toby Brown



Toby Brown has been nominated by William MacKinlay, Chambers Director, South Square.

Toby has been very active in the pro bono sector for many years with a particular dedication to the African Prison Project (APP).

He identified that he could help turn a student project into a charity by incorporating it and registering it as a charity and then took five years out from the start of his career at the Bar to work on pro bono and charity projects with Sir Robin Knowles CBE. Having returned to practice in 2013, Toby's work with the APP continues today alongside a myriad of other organisations he

supports including a national Muslim charity, a charitable trust that owns school playing fields and the usual court-related work such as CLIPS and COIN.

He does a great deal of work behind the scenes supporting and helping lead the profession's pro bono efforts, whether as a trustee to the Access to Justice Foundation (for example helping with pro bono costs), or this year taking on the role as Chair of the Pro Bono Week organising committee, on behalf of the profession and the access to justice sector.

"Through his input to Pro Bono Week Toby has broadened the reach of the pro bono services the Bar makes and has raised the profile of his colleagues contribution to the public interest. Throughout each Pro Bono Week Toby has participated in pro bono debates and education, particularly to raise awareness to the vital pro bono costs orders, and whilst this may not be traditional pro bono work, which I know he also undertakes, the value added and range of reach has really made a difference."

Rebecca Wilkinson, Deputy CEO LawWorks



Junior Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2018: Nominee

Sarah Lucy Cooper



Sarah has been nominated by a pro bono client.

Sarah's nomination is made in recognition of her work both on a particular child abduction case as well as her work with several organisations, to which she gives her time pro bono. Following the abduction of a woman's children to Nigeria, Sarah has progressed the case both in the UK with the Crown Prosecution Service and in Nigeria, helping her client to navigate two different legal systems. She has been praised for her dedication of both time, compassion for her client and her ability to call on her legal expertise. Imparting both legal and non-legal information, Sarah has attended meetings with the client's MP and helped her articulate her case when preparing for court to the point where the client was able, on occasion, to self-represent. Sarah

saved the client from further distress and potential debt and gave her a fighting chance of being reunited with her children.

Further to this, Sarah has been a trustee of the Anaphylaxis Campaign since 2012, promoting the cause and giving freely of her skills and resources. She has particularly been involved in developing support systems for bereaved families, drafting letters to allow the campaign to have a presence at inquests, as well as herself attending such cases and supporting bereaved families. She has also provided her pro bono support to the charity Families Need Fathers, her practical legal advice being invaluable to both parents and children involved in their work.

"Sarah has an incredible legal mind and in-depth understanding of family law, I never fail to be amazed as to how she quickly absorbs legal information and then focuses on the key points [...] she has helped to reduce the despair and strain, by helping me with my case and showing something can always be done."

Pro Bono Client

Junior Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2018: Nominee

Patricia Glass

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SQUARE



Patricia has been nominated by Angela Delbourgo, Barrister, 12 Old Square.

Patricia has been nominated for her pro bono work through Advocate this year which has covered several practice areas.

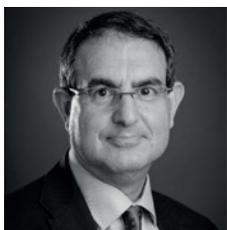
In March she took on an immigration case and in July she successfully pursued a Hague Convention case in the Family

Division of the High Court.

In August she further demonstrated her commitment to pro bono by successfully representing a deserving applicant in a tribunal, in a case which took three days.

“Patricia’s pro bono contribution this year has indeed been exceptionally good.”

Josephine de Souza



Junior Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2018: Nominee

Paul Infield



Paul was nominated by Danny Chapman, Family Practice Manager at The 36 Group.

Paul has been nominated in recognition for his pro bono work in reviewing cases for Advocate, which he has done since 2013. He undertakes many more reviews than his monthly allocation, particularly during busy periods, enabling Advocate to begin their search for counsel more quickly in many urgent cases. He was Leading Counsel in *Birch v Birch*, which has become the leading case on how the courts should approach the issue of varying undertakings and orders dealing with capital division in financial remedy orders on divorce. Paul represented Mr Birch from initial advice through to the Supreme Court on a pro

bono basis. Paul's work not only benefited his client in this case, but the understanding of the law was as a result clarified by the House of Lords.

Further to this, Paul was one of five cyclists in Advocate's 2018 fundraising London to Paris cycle ride, 'The Legal Wheel Appeal'. He cycled 186 miles to raise funds to enable pro bono work and has so far raised just under £2,000 for Advocate. His undertaking of this challenge reflects his enthusiasm for pro bono work and he turned up to the 6am start of the cycle with some Advocate cases he had just finished reviewing.

"A very busy and successful practice has not caused Paul to let up on his charitable activities. If anything, he appears to have re-doubled his efforts, and not least in respect of work and activities for Advocate."

Richard Wilson QC

Junior Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2018: Nominee

Sarah Keogh



Sarah has been nominated by William Meade at Old Square Chambers.

Sarah has been nominated in recognition of pro bono work in her specialist area of employment law. In 2017 she was among the top ten barristers undertaking pro bono work through Advocate, and in addition to this she also took on work through the Employment Law Appeal Advice Scheme and the Court of Appeal Scheme. She has undertaken pro bono work throughout her career; during pupillage she trained as a tribunal representative with Independent Parental Special Education Advice and spent many years representing children with special educational needs at Special Educational Needs and Disability hearings. She is also a member of the Employment Tribunal Litigant in Person Support Scheme and regularly attends the Central London Employment Tribunal to assist litigants in person who have hearings on the day or require advice for future hearings. Sarah

has been commended for her ability to undertake on the spot representation.

In *Brangwyn v South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust*, Sarah appeared in the Court of Appeal and secured permission to appeal on behalf of a vulnerable pro bono client with complex mental health conditions whose claim of disability discrimination had been unsuccessful. Sarah's involvement secured him permission to appeal on two grounds, including a novel point as to the importance of identification of the source of requirements imposed upon employees which create substantial disadvantage to them as a result of their disability. The decision to grant permission was reported in the national press and Sarah continued to support the client pro bono in preparation for his 2018 full Court of Appeal hearing.

"In the time Sarah prepared, it was obvious that she was working over the weekend on my case, and papers were ready that Monday for my approval. As time went on and Sarah got to grips with my case it was apparent that I should have complete faith in her hard work and her knowledge of the law."

Pro Bono Client



Junior Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2018: Nominee

Louise MacLynn

1GC | Family Law

Louise has been nominated by Olivia Magennis, Barrister at 1GC Family Law

Louise has been nominated in recognition for her pro bono work as junior counsel in one of the most significant family law cases of recent years, *Williams v The London Borough of Hackney*. The case marked the conclusion of over a decade of argument and litigation and helped to clarify an area of law regarding the legal basis for the State to acquire parental responsibility for the children of parents who agree to them being accommodated. It would have been impossible for the clients in this case to proceed without pro bono assistance from Louise, and the case was eventually heard in the Supreme Court. The decision was important not only to the appellants but also to all parents and children in their situation.

Louise also acted pro bono as junior counsel for the prospective Special Guardians in the case of *Re B*, where she appeared in the Court of Appeal in a hearing that lasted for five days and guidance was given regarding the 'nothing else will do' test being applied when considering the separation of biological siblings. Louise also acts pro bono in private law cases; in the last year she has appeared in a very long-running case involving some challenging transgender issues and has represented a retired professional footballer in acrimonious proceedings. Louise has been praised for her generous time commitment to pro bono, having taken weeks out of paid work in order to ensure all documents were prepared to the highest standard.

"The time and commitment given by Louise to pro bono work this year must be set in the context of a very busy practice where she is in great demand [...] Louise has made it a priority to ensure that she kept sufficient time free in her busy diary to do all the work necessary to ensure that all cases were fully prepared and expertly argued."

Janet Bazley QC, 1GC Family Law

Junior Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2018: Nominee

David Massarella



David is nominated by Adam Ohringer, Barrister at Cloisters.

David is nominated in recognition for his work in a long-lasting case. The client, a survivor of torture in Ethiopia, was assaulted at a cashpoint in 2009 when trying to defend his friend from robbers and suffered physical and psychiatric injuries. Having been awarded £2,600 by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority, he continued to suffer from debilitating PTSD and in 2012 lodged an appeal. In 2014 David began work on the case on a pro bono basis through Advocate, and in 2015 was joined by another junior barrister. They worked together pro bono on the case for a further two years, facing many hurdles along the way including postponed hearings due to the client's severe flashbacks. Finally, in March 2018,

David successfully represented the client at a full hearing where £307,833 was awarded to enable treatment, allowing the client to achieve independence and to fulfil his until-now postponed career ambitions.

The case was in an area of law that was new to David and he demonstrated extreme dedication and aptitude. Over the four years he worked on the case he did 100 hours of pro bono work. The final sum awarded was a significant increase from the original compensation and the case had a life-changing impact on the client, who was extremely vulnerable throughout the process, and to whom David at all times demonstrated a high level of compassion.

"It is not just the amount of time that David has spent on this case or indeed the successful advocacy that he brought to it that I think is so important. It is work like this that inspires others to do more in the field of pro bono work."

Robin Allen QC, Cloisters



Junior Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2018: Nominee

Rebecca Murray

TEMPLE TAX CHAMBERS

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Rebecca has been nominated by David Southern QC, Barrister at Temple Tax Chambers.

Rebecca has been nominated in recognition both of her pro bono work and of her initiative in devising a scheme for providing pro bono representation for taxpayers in the Tax Tribunals. As Secretary of the Revenue Bar Association (RBA), she has led the way in opening a direct line of communication between judges in the Tax Tribunal and RBA members to allocate pro bono cases.

She has also actively matched suitable cases with appropriate barristers, providing logistic support and acting as a focal point between judges, barristers and those needing representation. This has not only made a real difference on the ground but has also significantly increased the profile of pro bono work, to which end she also organised a seminar on pro bono for RBA members.

Rebecca has also undertaken pro bono cases herself and in the last two years has taken two such cases to the Court of Appeal. In *R & C Comrs v Donaldson*, Rebecca represented Mr Donaldson in his appeal against automatically generated and escalating penalties. An estimated 500,000 low or no income taxpayers were in the same position and this case has prompted a series of further cases, in which Rebecca is herself providing pro bono representation or finding others to do so.

In *Arthur v DSS*, Rebecca successfully represented Mrs Arthur in the Court of Appeal, and her client's tax credits demand was reduced by a life-changing £8,000. Rebecca has been praised for her passion for pro bono and her commitment to extending its reach.

"Before Rebecca came on the scene, tax and pro bono were rare and accidental bedfellows. She has been transformational, quantitatively and qualitatively, in extending pro bono into areas which it did not previously reach [...] For Rebecca it is a vocation."

David Southern QC, Temple Tax Chambers

Junior Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2018: Nominee

Darren Snow

CHARTER CHAMBERS



Darren Snow was nominated by James Hall, Senior Clerk at Charter Chambers.

Darren has been nominated in recognition of his recent pro bono work and in his role in mentoring a national mock trial competition. Earlier this year Darren represented a client facing serious allegations of misconduct before the Nursery and Midwifery Council. The case involved a lot of preparation work and the hearing itself lasted the best part of the week, with Darren securing a good result for his client. Without Darren's input his client could have faced heavy sanctions. The client in this case wrote directly to Darren's Chambers and to Advocate recommending Darren be given a promotion for both his work and the selfless way in which he conducted himself. Darren's work not only benefits his clients but has also been noted

of an excellent example of showing the commitment of the profession to pro bono work.

Darren has also mentored a school in the national mock trial competition for the last two years, with his school reaching the national finals on both occasions. Dedicating his evenings and weekends to this cause, he has travelled to regional and national stages of the competition, bringing wigs, gowns and moral support. Several of the pupils have also been offered work experience at his chambers, further demonstrating his generosity in providing help and inspiration to the new generation of lawyers.

"Any chambers should count themselves extremely fortunate to have a barrister as diligent and knowledgeable as Mr Darren Snow. I count my blessings that Advocate had this gentleman on their team, and I recommend him to anyone that may ever find themselves in trouble."

Pro Bono Client



Junior Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2018: Nominee

James Williams



James has been nominated by Adam Heppinstall, Barrister at Henderson Chambers.

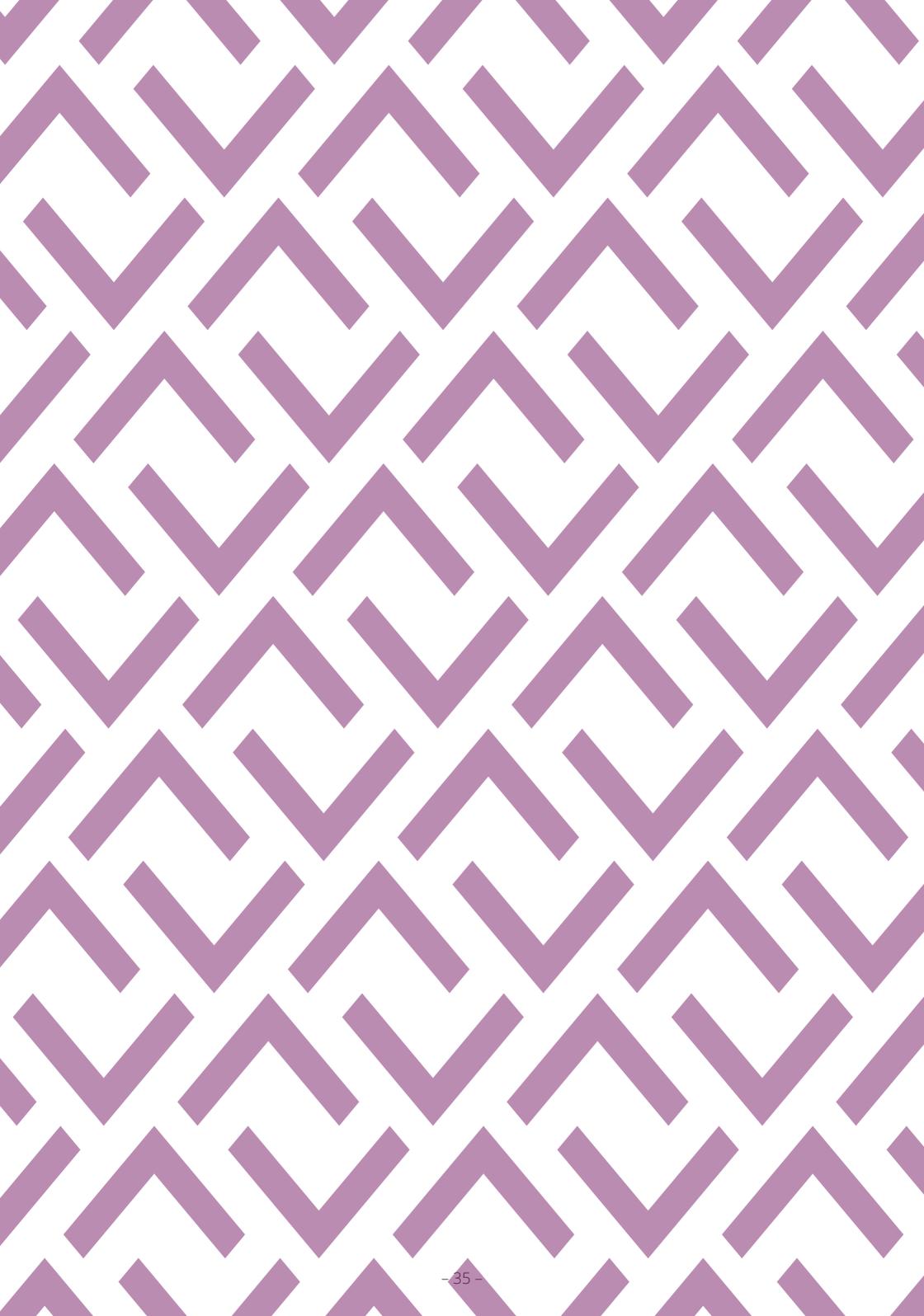
James has been nominated for his pro bono work on the case *King v The Sash Window Workshop* which gave rise to questions referred to the Court of Justice of the EU (CJEU) by the Court of Appeal. The decision of the CJEU in favour of James' client, Mr King, enables workers who have been denied paid leave to bring a claim for holiday pay as far back as 1998. The head of the Independent Workers Union of Great Britain, Jason Moyer-Lee, described it a 'bombshell judgement' and its wider consequences on the UK employment market are likely to be profound, particularly in relation to the employment rights of workers who have been wrongly categorised as self-employed. It has led

to a fundamental shift in negotiation power as the possibility of a large claim on termination removes from employers the financial incentive to miscategorise their staff or refuse to pay for annual leave.

James took on the case shortly after completing pupillage and becoming a tenant. He acted pro bono for three years, which included appearing as the sole advocate in the oral hearing in Luxembourg in March 2017. He has been praised not only for his tenacity in pursuing the case, but also for his creative use of the law in order to effect real change not only for his particular client in this case but also for hundreds of thousands of workers.

"The work of James in this case is a very strong example of the real difference pro bono work can make not only to the individual represented but also to the development of the law generally for the benefit of many others without the means to fight test cases."

Joy Drummond, Employment Partner, Simpson Millar LLP



Nominations for Pro Bono QC of the Year 2018

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Criteria

- This award is open to a silk of any year appointment who has played a significant role in the promotion of access to justice over the last year through pro bono work.
- Consideration will be given to those who can demonstrate the importance and impact of their work and who are a positive force in encouraging others to undertake pro bono cases.

Nominees

Deirdre Fottrell QC 1GC Family Law

Robert McCracken QC Francis Taylor Building



Pro Bono QC of the Year 2018: Nominee

Deirdre Fottrell QC

1GC | Family Law

Deirdre is nominated by Olivia Magennis, Barrister at 1GC Family Law.

Deirdre has been nominated for her role in several important family cases in recent years. In *Williams v The London Borough of Hackney*, Deirdre acted pro bono as leading counsel for the appellants. In this case she also led a fellow member of Chambers. Deirdre finalised and delivered the legal arguments as well as the case strategy; this involved making submissions to the Supreme Court for the best part of a day.

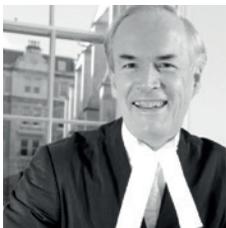
This case not only had a huge impact on the clients, but it was also of significant legal importance regarding the scope and use of s20 Children Act 1989. In preparing for this case, Deirdre made herself unavailable for paid work, knowing that without her legal

assistance, her clients would have been unable to proceed.

Deirdre has also acted pro bono as leading counsel for the prospective Special Guardians in the case of *Re B*. In this case in which Deirdre drafted an extensive skeleton argument and appeared in the Court of Appeal for five days, the Court gave important guidance on the application of the ‘nothing else will do’ test when considering the separation of biological siblings from one another. In both these cases, and in other pro bono cases she has undertaken, she has been praised for leading from the front and encouraging barristers at both silk and junior level to dedicate time to pro bono.

“It is entirely typical of her to take on a case which blended those two strands of personal family importance to the individual and wider public significance to the profession, and to do so pro bono.”

Sarah Morgan QC



Pro Bono QC of the Year 2018: Nominee

Robert McCracken QC



Francis Taylor Building

Robert has been nominated by a pro bono client

Robert has been nominated in recognition for his pro bono work on two recent cases involving unlawful air pollution in the Canterbury area: Shirley & Rundell vs Secretary of State & Others and Shirley vs Canterbury City Council & Others. The air pollution in the area was claimed to prematurely kill 100 people a year in the Canterbury area, and the cases sought to make air pollution law matter locally and to enforce better planning decisions to improve air quality. These cases are very relevant to current environmental concerns and are of significant legal importance.

The co-claimants in these two cases confirm that they would have been unable

to bring the case without Robert's pro bono assistance and representation. The case has changed the way both the Secretary of State and local authorities look at the issue of air quality; a valuable contribution to society. As part of the litigation, he has also developed the principles applicable to costs protection before the Court of Appeal in environmental cases, seeking to protect litigants who are otherwise potentially exposed to costs orders. In this case, Robert has led a junior from his chambers and in both this and in his role as a Reviewer for Advocate, he has ceaselessly promoted access to justice through encouraging the undertaking of pro bono work by his colleagues.

"Only Robert, who is fearless and committed to justice at every level, could have got this far and the fight is far from over. He will see it to the end – and the end will be better for it"

Pro Bono Client



Nominations for International Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2018

Criteria

- The winner of this award will be a barrister of any call who over the last year has undertaken significant pro bono work that is undertaken outside England and Wales.
- Leading by example, they will be an excellent advocate for access to justice across the globe.
- Consideration will be given to the time commitment demonstrated by the barrister as well as the extent of the impact of the pro bono work.

Winner

Kirsty Brimelow QC - Doughty Street Chambers and Bar Human Rights Committee



International Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2018: Winner

Kirsty Brimelow QC



Kirsty has been nominated for her exceptional service with the Bar Human Rights Committee of England and Wales (BHRC). Chair of the organisation for the past 6 years, she has been actively involved in the organisation's work for 15 years. In that time Kirsty has worked tirelessly to advance human rights and the promotion of the rule of law internationally, leading the way for other barristers to do the same.

This year, the final year in her role as Chair, has seen Kirsty achieve at the very highest level in diverse fields.

At the end of last year, her work on cases of children stigmatised as witches culminated with her moderating a pioneering two-day conference at the UN on the abuse of people as witches and people with albinism. Around the same time, a report of hers co-authored with Jelia Sane of Doughty Street Chambers on child rights and protections on the dismantling of the Calais 'Jungle' refugee camp is being used in many refugee cases in the UK.

In the summer of 2018 she led a fact-finding mission in Greece, interviewing judges and prosecutors who have fled Turkey, as well as working closely with NGO Article 19 to produce trial observations to be used against extradition of Turkish nationals, and the connecting NGOs and legal groups together

to help lawyers assist with refugees in Lesbos. She has also participated in round table talks seeking remedies for human rights violations in Yemen, worked on setting up a Tribunal into extrajudicial killings committed in Iran in 1988, provided training for lawyers in the Niger Delta region with profound impact, twice attended the UN to speak on Human rights violations in Iran and Bahrain, as well as continuing her longstanding pro bono work in Colombia.

With Colombia in particular, Kirsty has shown extraordinary bravery this year working with the peace community of San José de Apartadó. In June 2018 she trekked for a day to a remote area where several members of the community had retreated, following an increase in armed activity produced by the vacuum of power left by the FARC. Kirsty undertook this without accompaniment from the leaders of the community, a highly dangerous mission, in order to conduct a fact-finding exercise on the illegal armed actors and collaboration with the army.

Kirsty has involved herself personally in all areas of the work of the BHRC, giving personally of her time and capacities. On average, she estimates that she spends 20-30 hours a week on pro bono. Her leadership has been an inspiration and an exemplar of pro bono to all those around her.

"Through her work she has been a very influential and awe-inspiring adviser and trainer on the rule of law and human rights standards for lawyers and civic leaders in Colombia, playing a part in the work surrounding the recent peace negotiations. In Nigeria she has also been instrumental in important human rights training programmes for young lawyers.

I have seen her on platforms around the world and read her reports with huge admiration. Yet she just quietly gets on with this vital pro bono work without fanfare."

Baroness Helena Kennedy QC

Nominations for Employed Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2018

Criteria

- For this award, consideration will be given to barristers who are working in an employed capacity (this includes authorised and unauthorised bodies).
- They may or may not be employed under a permanent contract.
- Key for nominations is a demonstration of serious time commitment to pro bono work as well as the importance and impact of the assistance given.

Winner

Daria Gleyze - Law Commission of England and Wales



Employed Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2018: Winner

Daria Gleyze



Daria Gleyze has been nominated for her volunteering through Advocate and for conducting pro bono cases in court for free in her own time.

Though her job at the Law Commission does not entail litigation, she has used her time as part of the 'volunteering days' allowed by the government to advise, to draft a plethora of documents, and to appear in court on a pro bono basis.

This has led her to take on six cases in the past year, involving two half-day hearings and a full day hearing, spending in excess of two weeks in total advising and preparing cases and pleadings.

Undertaking this work has been quite a challenge, given the lack of insurance. This led Daria to petition the Bar Council to find a solution, concluding a deal recently with Bar Mutual. Nevertheless, for the past two years Daria has had to negotiate private insurance at an elevated, personal cost in order to provide her service to people who cannot afford legal advice.

Daria has also set a precedent by making a case to the Law Commission that they should continue to pay for employed barristers' practice certificates, on the basis that this will be necessary to allow for barristers to undertake pro bono work while employed. She has also acted as an excellent pro bono ambassador by encouraging other barristers in the civil service to take advantage of the volunteering day allowance for similar work.

Daria has undertaken work challenging breaches of rights for clients. Her clients have praised her above-and-beyond service, her work helping clients understand the processes, and providing personal support wherever possible. Recently she won a career development grant from Middle Temple to enable her to undertake public access training, to deliver an even better service to those coming to her without a solicitor.

"She was a vital instrument by assisting in protecting the rights of a tenant, which I am certain left an imprint on the opposite party. Ms Gleyze is an excellent representative of the Law."

Pro Bono Client

Nominations for Pro Bono Chambers' Staff Member of the Year 2018

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Criteria

- This category recognises the crucial role played by chambers' staff in championing access to justice through pro bono, including practice managers, clerks, those involved in business development, marketing and client care, and those managing chambers.
- The winner of this category will be a member of chambers staff who has demonstrably championed pro bono work over the last year and effectively channels pro bono resources to help those who require legal help receive assistance from legal professionals.

Nominees

Deborah Anderson	Practice Director, Hardwicke Chambers
Richard Bolton	Practice Manager, Landmark Chambers
Peter Campbell	Senior Practice Manager, 39 Essex Chambers
Paul Harris	Senior Clerk, 1GC Family Law
Nick Levett	First Junior Clerk, Outer Temple Chambers
Frankie Penton	Assistant Practice Manager, Matrix Chambers



Pro Bono Chambers' Staff Member of the Year 2018: Nominee

Deborah Anderson

Practice Director **Hardwicke**

Deborah is nominated by Amanda Illing, Chief Executive at Hardwicke.

Deborah is nominated in recognition for her contribution to pro bono work in her 35 year career. As Senior Clerk at Brick Court Chambers and Littleton Chambers and now as Practice Director at Hardwicke, she has actively promoted pro bono activities at the Bar and instilled a culture of the importance of pro bono engagement. At Hardwicke, she is in charge of the practice management team and a key player in ensuring that requests for pro bono work are given equal priority with fee earning work, making pro bono work an essential part of chambers' culture and encouraging involvement by members and staff in the work of Advocate and other schemes including Chancery Bar Litigant in Person Support Scheme and the Employment Law Appeal Advice Scheme. She has also been instrumental in underlining the importance of pro bono work on Hardwicke's new website both in terms of a detailed section dedicated to it, and also in

encouraging members and staff to have pro bono sections on their profiles to showcase their work in this area to encourage others to do likewise.

Outside of work, Deborah is in charge of co-ordinating the running of the Waterloo Legal Advice Service (WLAS), a weekly legal drop-in-centre which welcomes nearly 100 vulnerable people per session seeking advice. Deborah manages the staff rotas for the evening and undertakes staff training as well as dealing with the case files and filing afterwards. She has also been an enthusiastic recruiter of admin staff to help the reception role, allowing the session to run smoothly and efficiently. Deborah has been credited with transforming the pro bono culture at the chambers she has worked at and by being a champion for pro bono by leading by example.

"I cannot think of a more publicly spirited person, nor one with a greater commitment to access to justice and pro bono legal services."

Maya Lester QC, Brick Court Chambers



Pro Bono Chambers' Staff Member of the Year 2018: Nominee

Richard Bolton

Practice Manager 

Richard has been nominated by Leon Glenister, Barrister at Landmark Chambers.

Richard has been nominated in recognition of his contribution to pro bono work within Landmark Chambers and for his support of Advocate's work. Within chambers, he has volunteered both to sit on the Equality, Diversity and Wellbeing Committee, and to be one of Landmark's two Pro Bono Champions. In this role, he highlights the importance of pro bono work and supports those who do it. As clerk to the junior teams, he particularly instils the importance of pro bono work early in the early stages of a career at the Bar, and he makes this a regular part of his practice meetings with barristers. He is quick to find

counsel for urgent cases, recently finding a barrister to assist a vulnerable applicant in a High Court application the next day.

Richard was also the only staff member to take part in 'The Legal Wheel Appeal', Advocate's fundraising London to Paris cycle ride which took place September 2018. Richard cycled 186 miles in the most unfavourable of weather conditions to raise funds for Advocate. He pledged to raise more than the £1,380 target set by the charity and has to date raised over £2,000 for access to justice.

"Richard is more than supportive. He is my first port of call for finding pro bono barristers in Chambers"

Camilla Lamont, Landmark Chambers

Pro Bono Chambers' Staff Member of the Year 2018: Nominee

Peter Campbell

Senior Practice Manager 



Peter has been nominated by Catriona Filmer, Head of Pro Bono at Fieldfisher.

Peter has been nominated in recognition of his contribution to the Mencap Right to Care Barrister Panel. Its vision is to ensure that people with a learning disability can have fulfilled lives by making sure that they can access justice to secure the social care that they have a right to. The barristers panel is comprised of young barristers with an interest in human rights, community care, mental capacity and social welfare law. The panel provides one-off pieces of advice as well as ongoing support with cases. Upon hearing about the panel, Peter made contact and offered his help, pro bono, to provide an

effective clerk service for the barristers panel.

Peter's efforts have ensured that pro bono support has been secured for every referral made to the barristers panel this year. Thanks to him, pro bono advice or representation has been provided in ten cases, several of which have involved serious breaches of rights to access social care for some of the most vulnerable people in society. Peter's work has enabled each case to be placed within a few days and his contribution has largely impacted on the success of the project.

"Peter has been an absolute asset to our new scheme [...] he has worked tirelessly and passionately to place 100% of our referrals into our panel."

Kari Gerstheimer, Mencap



Pro Bono Chambers' Staff Member of the Year 2018: Nominee

Paul Harris

Senior Clerk 1GC | Family Law

Paul has been nominated by Hazel Wright, Solicitor at Hunters Solicitors.

Paul has been nominated in recognition of his contribution to 1GC Family Law's pro bono work. Paul heads a strong clerking team, delivering a smooth service and liaising with both barristers and solicitors to place pro bono work with the most appropriate volunteer, be it a barrister or a solicitor. His commitment to access to justice is exemplified by the pro bono work undertaken by both juniors and silks at his set, and 1GC Family Law is represented in both these categories in the Awards.

Paul oversees the production of all marketing materials at 1GC Family Law, making sure that pro bono work is celebrated both on the Chambers website and in brochures and other materials where biographies of counsel are printed. He champions access to justice by leading from the front and assists with providing pro bono assistance even at short notice, nevertheless always taking the time to understand the needs of both barrister and the legal professional in question.

"Paul is a consummate professional and in my view the best in the business at selecting the right Barristers for our clients."

Graeme Fraser, Partner at OGR Stock Denton LLP

Pro Bono Chambers' Staff Member of the Year 2018: Nominee

Nick Levett

First Junior Clerk, **Outer Temple**
Chambers



Nick has been nominated by Dave Scothern, Business Development Director at Outer Temple Chambers.

Nick has been nominated in recognition of his commitment to pro bono work, particularly that undertaken through Advocate. In a very busy chambers environment, Nick has used his ingenuity and excellent diary management to encourage and enable barristers at Outer Temple to undertake pro bono work. He regularly assists with finding representation in cases that have become significant successes, particularly in the Employment Appeal Tribunal. He also promotes pro bono work through schemes including the Employment Law Appeal Advice Scheme,

the Employment Tribunal Litigant in Person Support Scheme and the Chancery Bar Litigant in Person Support Scheme.

Nick's most recent initiative has been to invite Advocate staff to events in Chambers. This provides barristers at Outer Temple Chambers with a greater understanding for the pro bono work that Advocate does and inspires them with ways to become involved. Nick promotes the benefits of pro bono on a daily basis, providing barristers with any additional support they need to undertake this kind of work.

"I can safely say that without Nick's gentle but persistent encouragement I would not have taken the case on and the claimant may well not have secured any representation"

Saul Margo, Outer Temple Chambers



Pro Bono Chambers' Staff Member of the Year 2018: Nominee

Frankie Penton

Assistant Practice Manager **matrix**
chambers

Frankie has been nominated by Rachel Holmes, CEO and Elizabeth Bousher, Practice Manager, Matrix Chambers.

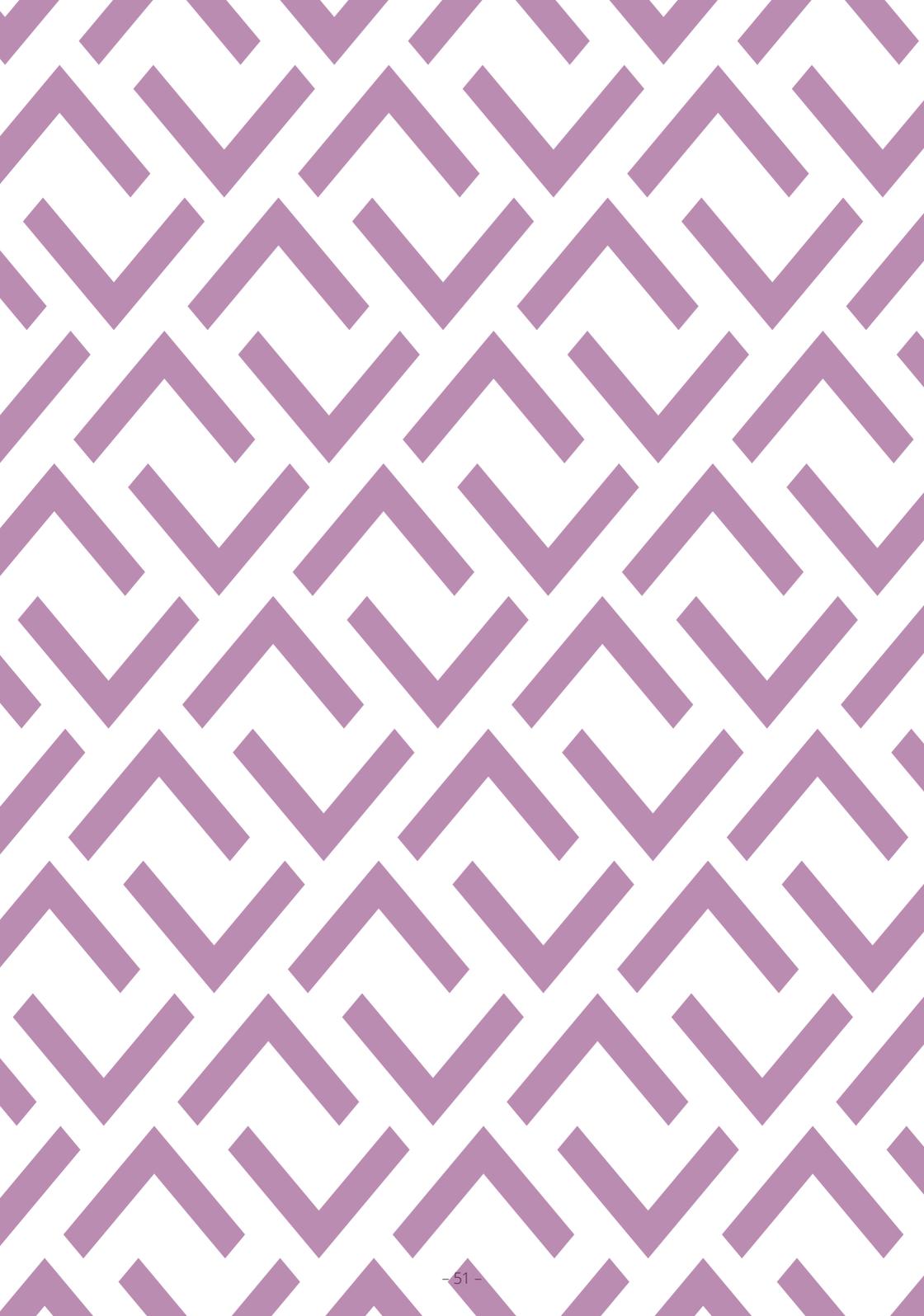
Frankie has been nominated in recognition of his role in promoting pro bono work at Matrix Chambers. In the face of increased demand for pro bono work arising from the Legal Aid cuts, Frankie has championed the work of charities such as Advocate and the Free Representation Unit. He oversees the London Legal Walk for his set and allocates pro bono cases to counsel, providing strong support to barristers at Matrix to ensure that the chambers fulfils its commitment to pro bono.

Frankie has been involved with running Matrix Chambers' involvement in supporting the Stephen Lawrence Trust. He dedicates significant time to building the students'

programmes and finding interesting opportunities. He is helping to introduce an underrepresented group of society to the legal world, making a real difference both to them and to Matrix. He liaises directly with barristers, encouraging them to take the time to explain legal issues to the students so that everyone has the most valuable experience possible. Frankie is also involved with supporting Just for Kids Law, finding pro bono legal representation for young people, particularly in school exclusion cases and special educational needs and disability cases. He demonstrates extreme sensitivity to the clients' specific issues and does his utmost to find suitable counsel wherever he can.

"What sets Frankie apart from his colleagues is his continual optimism in the face of a challenge [...] Anyone who has met him will speak of his warmth and kindness to others and the time he spends trying to assist those who need our help."

Rachel Holmes and Elizabeth Bousher, Matrix Chambers



Nominations for Pro Bono Innovation of the Year 2018

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Criteria

- Nominees for this award are recognised for their innovation within the sector and their work on game-changing schemes, whether through the use of technology or in another field.
- Nominations can be made for individuals, teams or projects, but all must be distinguished by their creativity and their ability to inspire and to set new pro bono precedents within the legal profession.

Nominees

Bar Human Rights Committee

Chancery Litigants in Person Scheme

Mencap Right to Care Barrister Panel

Pro Bono Connect

Suffolk Family Law Support Project



Pro Bono Innovation of the Year 2018: Nominee

Bar Human Rights Committee

The nomination of the BHRC has been made for its continuing work in Turkey through developing an innovative strategy in conducting trial observations.

BHRC used its/their experience in trial monitoring in new and necessary ways to challenge the Turkish narrative of compliance with international standards, and to urge the international community to respond appropriately. This has been conducted through the production of reports that highlight human rights violations concerning defendants' rights to a fair trial, as well as by drafting letters of intervention concerning the persecution of lawyers, journalists, academics and others.

Uniquely, these reports have been used by barristers in the UK and around the world in extradition cases, for submissions to the UN Special Procedures, Human Rights Council, and the European Court of Human Rights – as well as by various NGO agencies to advocate for the institution of the rule of law in Turkey.

Their team of highly qualified barristers with significant trial experience and a comprehensive knowledge of international fair trial standards have contributed to record facts and identify human rights violations. They have shown complete professionalism, giving generously of their time and expertise.

The most recent of these trial observations involved journalists of the Zaman newspaper, resulting in a comprehensive trial observation report that identified significant flaws in the independence of the judiciary and obstacles in the functioning of the rule of law.

The work conducted by the BHRC has demonstrated how one important element of pro bono work can be integrated into a wider strategy of submissions to international bodies with the ability to influence change.

"The combination of interventions made has been consistently innovative and deserves recognition."
Tony Fisher, Fisher Jones Greenwood LLP

Pro Bono Innovation of the Year 2018: Nominee

CHANCERY BAR 

Chancery Litigants in Person Scheme

CLiPS has earned its nomination after five years of providing ‘on the day’ advice and advocacy for unrepresented parties in the Chancery Applications list. Over 427 barristers have volunteered for 1,174 days, assisting circa 700 litigants in person, frequently unable to afford representation.

The scheme has provided assistance every day of the legal term, (as well as on a regular basis during the long vacation,) routinely including urgent applications by and against litigants in person in matters such as freezing injunctions, IP and corporate disputes, bankruptcy and mortgage possession actions.

Due to the inevitable challenges of the applications court, such as the number of other litigants, the time pressure and the intimidating environment, the process can

be particularly difficult for unrepresented parties, who are often already vulnerable and in difficult personal circumstances. The support of CLiPS advocates is therefore invaluable, helping litigants to assess, organise and present their case, or (equally importantly) advising them when not to make or contest applications, so avoiding the costs consequences of failure.

As well as promoting the best outcomes for litigants in person, the assistance of the CLiPS advocates is highly valued by all judges of the Chancery Division, immensely grateful that cases involving litigants in person can be presented efficiently for the benefit of all court users.

To conclude: the judiciary have described this scheme as being the “Rolls Royce of pro bono schemes.”

“Without fail, barristers attend daily and offer both advice and representation to people unable to afford representation. This is unique amongst the rotas we administer”

Alison Lamb, CEO of RCJ Advice

Pro Bono Innovation of the Year 2018: Nominee

Mencap Right to Care Barrister Panel



This nomination goes to the Mencap Right to Care Barrister Panel, which has provided outstanding legal assistance to people with disabilities.

This year the Mencap legal team set up a learning disability network, following the profound impact felt by people with learning disabilities of the cuts to social care funding and early legal help. To support with the early legal help element of this work, Mencap also set up a barristers panel, comprised of young barristers with an interest and expertise in human rights, community care, mental capacity and social welfare law, to do one-off pieces of advice as well as ongoing support with cases.

This collaboration across four different chambers has provided direct advice and representation on a number of different matters. This has included a man with autism

and learning difficulties who had been homeless for five months; a person with a learning disability who was at immediate risk of eviction; complex matters around mental capacity and court of protection, concerning whether a patient of the NHS with a learning disability has the ability to refuse or request treatment; and sending pre-action letters to authorities challenging unlawful charging policies.

In addition, the panel has also provided pro bono support to Mencap, advising on the merits of strategic litigation as a means to ensuring people with a learning disability are able to access the social care and support they are entitled to.

"In a large number of these cases the resulting successful outcomes for our clients have been life changing for both those vulnerable adults with a learning disability and their family around them."

Hannah Hewish, Legal Caseworker at Mencap



Pro Bono Innovation of the Year 2018: Nominee

Pro Bono Connect

Pro Bono Connect is a pioneering collaborative scheme built to link barristers and solicitors with one another to provide volunteer assistance to those in need of pro bono services.

While solicitors and barristers often carry out pro bono work, they seldom do so together. A team at One Essex Court, led by Jamie Goldsmith, founded Pro Bono Connect to provide a network to make this possible.

The free scheme enables barristers to make a request for assistance to participating solicitors' firms, and vice versa. The scheme, designed to be straightforward and quick, uses a Steering Committee to receive applications and carry out a quality control check to ensure requests are sufficiently detailed. It leverages existing pro bono structures to finally provide a service

allowing cases to be staffed by solicitors and barristers within days.

Following the pilot year, completed in November 2017, the scheme has grown to include nearly 50 participating law firms and chambers. Collaborations have been successfully facilitated for nearly 20 pro bono cases, and has already become the status quo for pro bono collaborations among participating firms.

The scheme now aims to expand from London and cover the rest of the UK, and to reach even wider areas of law. It has provided a simple, efficient and game-changing innovation to pro bono work that will help in particular with complex cases previously too difficult for barristers to handle alone, or for solicitors to take to higher courts.

"I know of no other innovation that is more deserving of this award."

Emily MacLoud, Associate at Etic Lab

Pro Bono Innovation of the Year 2018: Nominee

Suffolk Family Law Support Project



This new initiative set up by Suffolk Law centre and funded by the Litigants in Person Support Strategy (LIPSS) has set out to improve understanding of the Family Courts in Suffolk for clients who cannot afford lawyers.

The scheme, staffed by Carol Ward and Carole Perry Jones, a practising solicitor and retired barrister at East Anglian Chambers respectively, has provided an essential service in Suffolk – a legal aid desert in which the nearest Personal Support Unit (PSU) is in Chelmsford, 40 miles away.

Upon retiring from the Bar in 2017, Carole Perry-Jones recognised the rising numbers

of LiPs causing considerable strain on the courts, staff and procedures, as well as exacerbating stress for the clients. Unceasing in her commitment to the bar, she has initiated, devised, researched, consulted and assisted with fundraising with staff at the law centre to set up the weekly service based at the Ipswich Magistrates Courts.

Operations began in May 2018 and the impact already has been significant. Feedback from users and the court staff has been universally positive, with Ipswich Family Court Judges being particularly appreciative. Already the numbers of people assisted by the volunteer team have doubled.

“Suffolk Family Law Support is making a radical difference to the lives of many of my constituents whose needs have been most seriously affected by the changes in access to justice in recent years.”
Sandy Martin MP, Ipswich

Nominations for Pro Bono Chambers of the Year 2018

Criteria

- This award celebrates the outstanding achievement and commitment to pro bono work demonstrated by a particular set of chambers.
- This achievement could be related to the amount or variety of pro bono work undertaken, or the number of practising barristers actively accepting pro bono cases within the chambers.
- Nominees must have gone above and beyond for access to justice, promoting and encouraging others to engage in pro bono work.

Nominees

Blackstone Chambers

Carmelite Chambers

Cloisters

The nomination for the barristers of Blackstone Chambers is made for the team who have launched the Legal Report for the Inquiry on Protecting Children in Conflict. Headed by Shaheed Fatima QC of Blackstone Chambers, this ground-breaking study has set out to question whether existing international law norms and institutions can provide sufficient protection for children victimised in armed conflict.

The extent of this report's ambition is unprecedented: its radical conclusion, and current goal, is to develop one consolidated instrument to protect children in armed conflict with a pathway to achieving this goal.

Current efforts to protect children in armed conflict continue to be hampered by substantive and systemic failings that leave children insufficiently protected by the rule of law. Though existing law's volume and intricacy demonstrates the international community's collective attempts to protect children, it also shows our collective failure to realise that aim with its overt complexity spread across too many instruments – often remaining unenforceable or unenforced.

While ordinarily the barristers of Blackstone Chambers already commit a great deal of time and effort to pro bono projects alone, these efforts are usually undertaken on an individual basis or in informal teams. In this

case, the management committee sought to recognise the commitment of the legal team of six of its barristers, working in excess of 4,000 hours since its inception in 2017. The report has involved collaborations with other barristers from 11 King's Bench Walk and Three Raymond Buildings, academics and experts in the field, and chaired by former UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

The report's main strength lies in the combination of 'studying the "trees" and the "forest"', by critically reviewing the details of special protection regimes; the killing and ill-treatment of children; their recruitment, sexual abuse and abduction; their protection against attacks on hospitals and schools; and the denial of humanitarian assistance. The central insight emphasises that the lack of a comprehensive legal approach and accountability mechanism constitutes a serious practical shortcoming of the existing protection system.

"Twenty years on, I believe that the Legal Report for the Inquiry on Protecting Children in Conflict will come to be seen as an authoritative study in this area. It is likely to change international opinion and lead to practical reforms that will enhance the protection of children in conflict."

Gordon Brown, former UK Prime Minister



Pro Bono Chambers of the Year 2018: Nominee

Carmelite Chambers

Carmelite Chambers have been nominated this year for their outstanding contribution to Public Legal Education (PLE) in helping BPP University to deliver its Streetlaw program.

Carmelite has supported the BPP University Law School Pro Bono Centre this year by providing specialised training to law student volunteers to enable them to present on PLE. This has allowed them to provide Streetlaw presentations across the UK, reaching over 3500 members of the public. These have included schoolchildren, prisoners, ex-offenders and homeless people.

PLE has proved capable of creating a better informed Britain, equipping individuals with knowledge of legal rights and responsibilities. Among these initiatives, BPP's had been highlighted in particular as a 'worthy PLE initiative' in the Parliamentary debate on the value of PLE.

Another key part of the work that Carmelite has undertaken includes reviewing and updating the information involved in the sessions, keeping on top of evolving laws in over 60 topic areas. The barristers' willingness to dedicate hours of their spare time reviewing and updating this work has been invaluable.

This has had an enormous impact on the students too, providing insight into life at the criminal bar and a much deeper knowledge of the law, as well as exposure to barristers finding time in their busy schedules to utilise their skills free of charge for the benefit of the community.

"Carmelite's pro bono commitment to the Streetlaw project stands as a shining example to our law students about professional values. They have helped inspire a future generation of lawyers to find ways throughout their whole career ... to support the most vulnerable in our society."

Rachel Kirkup, Streetlaw Supervising Solicitor, BPP University Law School

Pro Bono Chambers of the Year 2018: Nominee

Cloisters



Cloisters have been nominated for their consistent and outstanding contribution to pro bono for over 10 years.

In 2017, Cloisters was the set of chambers that did the most cases for Advocate overall, with five Advocate Reviewers and 50 panel members, with the total number of both figures growing year-on-year. All members of Cloisters commit themselves to undertake five days pro bono work annually, and many exceed this: since September 2017, 33 Cloisters barristers have taken 161 new pro bono instructions.

Members of chambers devote themselves to a wide variety of other pro bono activities, including service at law centre advice sessions, providing training on legal issues (especially in the field of equality law,) and standing at the forefront of legal work seeking to improve workers' rights in the 'gig economy'. This has involved the extension

of employment laws to taxi drivers, cycle couriers, delivery drivers, foster carers and hundreds of thousands of other individuals carrying out low-paid work while being denied worker status.

Further, Cloisters runs a monthly legal clinic at the Independent Workers' Union of Great Britain's office, in which a barrister dedicates two hours of their time to answer questions on the legal aspects of cases.

The effort of Barristers, QCs and Clerks at Cloisters goes above and beyond just advocacy, consistently providing enthusiasm and a friendly, professional manner in helping to develop the best litigation strategies for on a pro bono basis.

"Without their help ... loads of low paid workers would have struggled to achieve justice in the face of unlawful discrimination and exploitation, and the case law on various aspects of employment law would have been deprived of some of its most interesting precedents."

Jason Moyer-Lee, General Secretary, Independent Workers Union of Great Britain

Past winners of the **BAR PRO BONO AWARD**

The 2017 Bar Pro Bono Award was won by
Tanya Murshed of 1MCB Chambers and Evolve

Tanya Murshed won the Bar Pro Bono Award 2017 for her outstanding commitment to assisting vulnerable individuals convicted of capital offences in Uganda over four and a half years on a pro bono basis.

Tanya has been assisting vulnerable individuals convicted of capital offences in Uganda for four and a half years – initially through the Centre for Capital Punishment Studies and subsequently through Evolve, a charity she founded to continue this work.

Tanya's nomination noted her giving up an estimated quarter of her year doing full time pro bono work. Initially Tanya assisted individuals in Uganda convicted of capital offences with their sentencing hearings, writing submissions for approximately 60 individuals who were potentially facing the death penalty. Her key focus in Uganda since then was the plight of the beneficiaries in the landmark Supreme Court case of Attorney General v Susan Kigula and 416 others, which held that the automatic death sentence was unconstitutional. While these individuals were entitled to go back to the High Court and be re-sentenced, few could afford it. Tanya took a sabbatical from chambers to advocate for these cases to be heard, working closely with the judiciary and the Uganda Law Society to facilitate this process by organising special mitigation sessions and training law students to assist. Since then, 243 individuals, who were previously subject to the automatic death sentence, received sentences other than death and many have been released as a result of Tanya's work.

"Tanya has shown outstanding commitment to a specific issue within a specific region, and has used her legal skills and networks to tackle the challenges within the Ugandan criminal justice system head-on. This is an excellent model for pro bono, and one that deserves recognition in as many ways as possible.

"The statistics used in support of her application - supporting approximately 500 people facing the death penalty; and training 90 members of the legal profession on sentencing and mitigation ... are exceptional."

*Lord Goldsmith QC
Chairman of the Judging Panel
Founder and President, Bar Pro Bono Unit*

Winners in previous years:

- 2017 Tanya Murshed
- 2016 John Collins
- 2015 Joe Middleton
- 2014 Monika Sobiecki
- 2013 Sarah Hannett
- 2012 Alison Gurden
- 2011 Shereener Browne
- 2010 Maria Scotland
- 2009 Andrew Walker QC
- 2008 Access to Justice in Afghanistan Project Team
- 2007 Guy Opperman MP
- 2006 Michael Fordham QC
- 2005 The Rt Hon Keir Starmer KCB QC MP
- 2004 Andrew Hall QC
- 2003 John Horan
- 2002 Samantha Knights
- 2001 Simon Michael
- 2000 Daniel Leader and Philippa Page
- 1999 Doughty Street Chambers
- 1998 Two Garden Court Chambers
- 1997 Judith Farbey QC

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