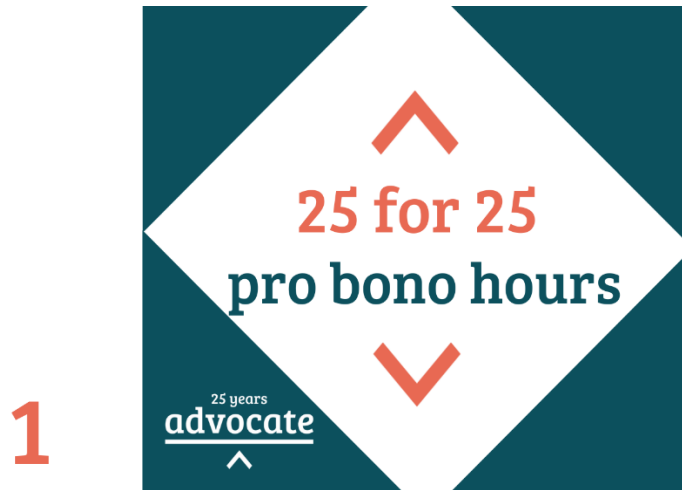


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# Advocate Monthly Top Ten!



**This month we bring you our top ten ways to complete Advocate's  
25 for 25: the Pro Bono Challenge.**

Throughout our 25th anniversary year, we have been inviting barristers to give 25 hours of pro bono work through any means: either taking on cases with Advocate, mentoring, reviewing, working with various schemes, or pro bono work through your own personal connections.

With just four months left of this Challenge, in this newsletter we highlight some of the amazing ways that barristers have already given their time and encourage you to consider taking part too.

Since the Challenge began in June 2021, barristers have given over 3,000 hours in support of access to justice, and we know there is also a lot more going on behind the scenes. Read more below to see the names of our fantastic volunteer barristers who have already given in excess of 25 hours.

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## ELAAS

The ELAAS scheme provides pro bono representation at some preliminary hearings in the EAT.

ELAAS is coordinated and managed by the Employment Appeal Tribunal, with input from the ELBA Committee on behalf of ELAAS representatives who volunteer their services. Tristan Jones shares his experience of taking on ELAAS cases, and why it is a “great way of making a real difference while also sharpening your appellate advocacy skills.”

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## CLIPS

CLIPS aims to provide “on the day” advice and representation for litigants in person in the Interim Applications Court. Rahul Varma shared his inspiring story with Advocate about how he began volunteering with CLIPS after seeing the impact “for everyone involved; the litigant in person, the Judge, the court staff, my client - and everyone listed after us.” He shares how CLIPS has had a positive effect on his career and his practice. Read more below.

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### Pro Bono Connect

Pro Bono Connect is an important partner to Advocate. Founded by Jamie Goldsmith QC, the scheme pairs up barristers and solicitors to take on pro bono work together.

When a barrister takes on a case with Advocate, we can link them up with Pro Bono Connect to provide solicitor assistance from one of the 45 participating law firms. Read more about how Jamie founded Pro Bono Connect and please contact the Advocate Casework Team when you are working on a case that requires solicitor assistance.



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## Barrister Profile: Allan Roberts

Allan Roberts, employment barrister with Guildhall Chambers, discusses the highs and lows of volunteering for ELIPS and shares the real value of giving his time, exhorting all to get involved with our 25 for 25 Pro Bono Challenge. Read more of his story below.

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## Our Volunteer Barrister Success Stories

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**Anton Van Dellen**  
Fraser Chambers

Anton completed his 25 for 25 Pro Bono Challenge with an extraordinary 240 hours of pro bono. Anton undertook many of these hours in a complex inquest case as well as through regular reviewing for Advocate. It is truly astonishing that on top of a busy practice and reviewing schedule, Anton finds the time to take on cases pro bono. We are grateful for his longstanding support of access to justice.

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**Maureen Obi-Ezekpazu**  
Family Matters

Maureen has been supporting the same client for two years pro bono with Advocate. There were many complicated factors involved in this case, and Maureen's support has been invaluable throughout. On top of this, Maureen has also mentored others in Advocate cases, of course resulting in over 50 pro bono hours given in the 25 for 25 Challenge.

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**Christopher Rowe**  
Broadway House Chambers

Christopher Rowe, has been involved with Advocate for a few years, is the Pro Bono Champion for his Chambers and completed the 25 for 25 Challenge with at least 52 hours of pro bono assistance. We want to thank Christopher for how steadily and regularly he builds pro bono work into his practice. It is clear that it is integral for Christopher and his commitment to access to justice is inspiring.



## 25 for 25: The Pro Bono Challenge

There is still time between now and June to complete your 25 hours for Advocate's 25th year. All pro bono work, and not just work with Advocate, can count towards your 25 hours. If you have given 25 hours of pro bono work in any capacity since June last year, [please let us know via this form](#) so that we can send you a pro bono logo for your email signature or Chambers website. This enables us to celebrate the Bar's outstanding contribution to access to justice.

With particular thanks to the 110 barristers who have already given at least 25 hours to pro bono work since June last year. We have listed them all on our website, and you can see them [here](#).