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## Advocate Monthly Top Ten

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**Our Chair,  
Sharif A. Shivji KC,  
attended the  
Attorney General's  
Pro Bono Committee**

**On Wednesday 22 March, our Chair, Sharif Shivji KC, gave a presentation to the Solicitor General, the former Attorney General and members of the Attorney General's pro bono committee about our work and the challenges on access to justice.**

In attendance were the Chair of the Bar, Nick Vineall KC, the Vice President of the Law Society, the President of CILEX and many other representatives from organisations who provide or support pro bono help.

The discussion covered a range of areas which are of particular interest to us including the use of technology in order to speed up pro bono assistance, establishing emergency schemes for legal assistance in times of national and international crisis,

dealing with vulnerable litigants and those with complex needs and examining listing arrangements to consider what can be done to assist litigants in persons and whether the availability of pro bono counsel could be taken into account.

[To find out more about next steps for the committee click here.](#)

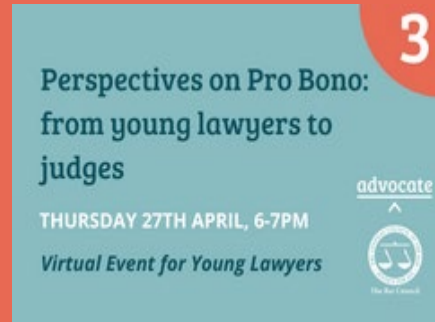


### Bar in the Community

Bar in the Community offers barristers and chambers' professionals the opportunity to volunteer their professional skills to support local and national charities.

Barristers and legal professionals can support various charities, causes and communities in numerous ways, from becoming a trustee or committee member, facilitating training and workshops, and much more, with opportunities for every skill set and at every level.

[Explore our new website for the latest opportunities.](#)



### Online Seminar - 27th April

Join Advocate and the Bar Council's Young Barristers' Committee for an online seminar for the young Bar.

Hear from key speakers Mr. Justice Zacaroli, Georgina Rea (Garden Court Chambers), and Michael Harwood (Chair of the YBC).

Advocate will also answers some of your FAQs about getting involved.

We look forward to seeing you there!

[Find the full event details and register your place here.](#)

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## Advocate Statistics



### London Legal Walk

#### - sign your Chambers up!

The London Legal Walk is back for another year and will take place on **Tuesday 13th June**. It is the largest fundraising event in the legal year and not one to miss!

Over **500 teams** have signed up so far, including over **60 Chambers** and many more law firms.

Lead walkers include **Lord Burnett, Lord Reed, Sir Geoffrey Vos, the Law Officers** and **Nick Vineall KC**, Chair of the Bar Council.

It is expected to be a brilliant event, finishing with a street party, and bringing together the legal community to support free legal advice services on the front line.



If your Chambers have not entered the London Legal Walk, please do so to help raise vital funds for **Advocate, FRU and the London Legal Support Trust** .

Chambers should select one person to register as a team organiser.

[Register your Chambers today!](#)

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## Support Work Volunteer

We are looking for dedicated, compassionate individuals to volunteer two half-days a week. The role will be primarily virtual, and we can offer a degree of flexibility around other work commitments. Anyone interested should apply through the online application form before the deadline of April 9th.

### Support Volunteers needed

As many of our panel member barristers know, we often deal with vulnerable individuals experiencing stressful and traumatic situations. While we are explicitly a legal charity, in certain circumstances, our caseworkers tend to act as a crucial source of support for those who might not be able to access it elsewhere. This type of support work can be time consuming and emotionally demanding. As such, we are piloting a volunteer scheme to help support and provide comprehensive and meaningful support to our most vulnerable applicants.

[Find out more here](#)

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## Shout out to Panel Members...

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**Narinder Jhittay**  
Maitland Chambers

Narinder helped to secure a settlement with extensive drafting at very short notice. The case concerned the destruction of our applicant's painstakingly created paintings, leaving them with next to nothing. Narinder put an end to the stress of the case for the applicant and enabled a fair result.

Thank you, Narinder

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**Sara Anzani**  
Goldsmith Chambers

Sara acted successfully in an appeal hearing against the Home Office, in which our applicant's appeal was allowed on the spot. Our applicant originally arrived in the UK in 1999 and has a British citizen son. Sara's assistance was greatly appreciated after an exhausting two decades of fighting and the result not possible without Sara's support.

Thank you, Sara

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**Dominic Evans & Isabelle Knight**  
Civitas Law

Dominic Evans and Isabelle Knight of Civitas Law both assisted with a housing matter in Wales. The applicant was illegally evicted from her home by her former landlord, who had changed the locks whilst the applicant was away on holiday. Dominic provided advice and Isabelle is due to appear at the final hearing.

Thank you, both

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We welcome new volunteer barristers in their second six!

Get involved in the #PupilPledge

With second six start dates just around the corner, we look forward to welcoming new second six pupils to our panel of volunteer

barristers. Pro bono work can be a fantastic way for pupils to develop advocacy and client experience.

**Pupil barristers** - please consider [joining our Pupil Pledge today!](#) We would love to celebrate your commitment to access to justice and recognise you for building pro bono work into your career so early on.

If you are a **Pupil Supervisor**, please consider sharing information about Advocate with your pupils and encouraging them to sign up.

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