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Thank you for donating to Advocate #ProBono35

We are incredibly grateful to all those who donated £35 to Advocate when renewing their practising certificate. We know that these are challenging times with many at the Bar facing real financial pressures, and yet the response has been as generous as ever.

The donations we have received makes up almost 50% of our funding, which is

fundamental to the sustainability of our staff team and our service. On behalf of everyone at Advocate, and those we help, thank you.



The Bar and pro bono, in Counsel Magazine

An article by Sharif A Shivji KC, Advocate's Chair, appeared in May's edition of Counsel. Sharif reflected on the Bar's long tradition of pro bono work, the challenges facing access to justice today, and paid tribute to the barristers who volunteer their time.

"The level of dedication is remarkable with lawyers giving up time with family, hobbies or paid work to act on pro bono matters."

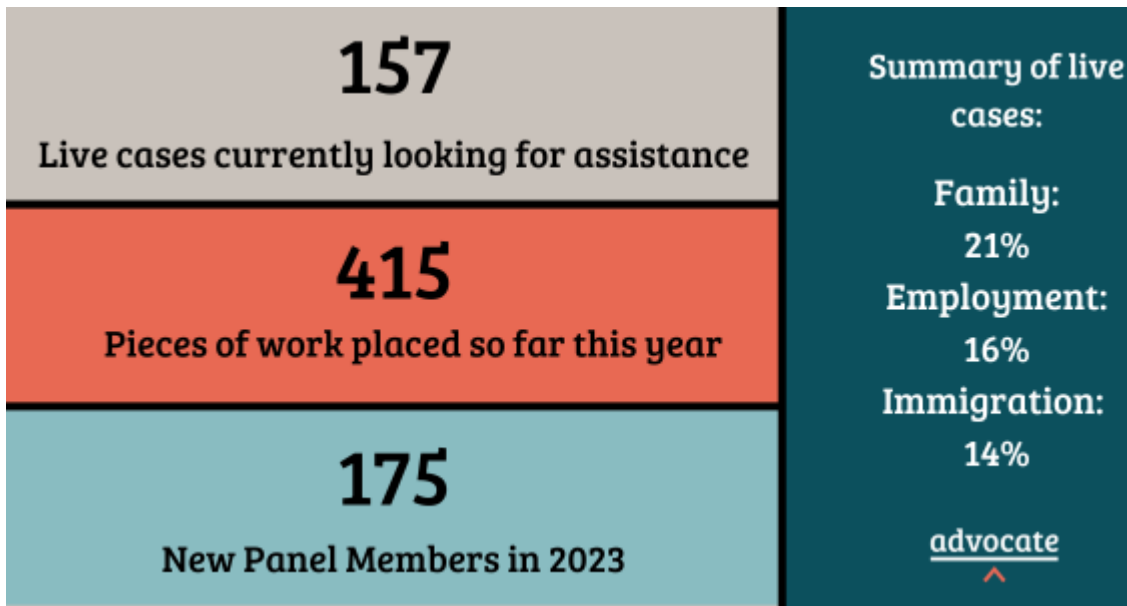
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Bar in the Community - Volunteer Case Study

Chris Smith KC, commercial barrister at Essex Court Chambers, speaks to us about volunteering for Citizens Advice through Bar in the Community and the social importance of voluntary work. He highlights how he thinks people at the Bar should take on work outside of traditional pro bono work like advice and representation. *'We have skill sets as barristers that can be of significant value to organisations in the voluntary sector.'*

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Pro Bono and Your Practice in Wales – A seminar for the Welsh Bar.



Barristers in Wales are invited to join us and the Wales & Chester Circuit on **Thursday 6th July, 5.45 – 7.30pm**, at University Cardiff Pro Bono Suite for a seminar. This seminar will explore how taking on pro bono work can help with practice development and will

Also hear from local barristers, **George Pollitt** of Iscoed Chambers and **Adriana Rodriguez** of 30 Park Place on how pro bono has helped with their practice development. **Caroline Rees KC**, Leader of the Wales and Chester Circuit and **Clare Carter**, Chief Executive of the Access to Justice

offer practical ways you can get involved in support access to justice.

HHJ Harrison, designated civil Judge and leader of the Wales Pro Bono Committee is the keynote speaker and will explore access to justice in Wales and the benefits of having pro bono Counsel from a judicial viewpoint.

Foundation, will also join the discussion. This will be followed by a networking and drinks reception.

[Click here to register your spot](#)



Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to meet and connect with others in the legal profession.

Sign up to a Legal Walk near you!

The Access to Justice Foundation coordinates a series of legal walks around the country every year. The walks range from 5-10k and are a fantastic opportunity to get involved in supporting frontline organisations across the UK and raising vital funds for pro bono.

Thousands of people from the legal community come together in support of access to justice for the local advice sector in their local

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area.

Shout out to Panel Members...

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Thomas Mitty
Gatehouse Chambers

We would like to give a shout out and huge thank you to Thomas who, while working on a case with Advocate, needed to travel from London to Wales at very short notice. We and the Applicant were so grateful that Thomas was able to provide such excellent advice and representation for the Applicant, who would have otherwise gone unrepresented. To top it off, the court also awarded a £13,414.50 Pro Bono Costs Order!

Thank you, Thomas

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Joseph Landman
1KBW

Joseph assisted on a family case, following the eviction of a mother and daughter. The matter was listed for a First Appointment, which turned into an FDR on the same day. Despite this, Joseph kindly represented for the duration. His assistance was crucial in achieving housing security for this mother and her daughter. Weeks later, at an event where he was speaking, the Judge referred to this case as an example to demonstrate the importance of pro bono assistance.

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Bella Tait
Unit Chambers

Our huge thanks to Bella Tait from Unit Chambers for providing representation at a recent review hearing. Thanks to Bella's assistance the final hearing was vacated, and the matters were swiftly resolved, which would not have been possible without Bella's assistance. The applicant said that Bella did an outstanding job to bring the case to its end and thanked Bella for "standing up for me against injustice"

Thank you, Bella

Thank you, Joseph

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Has your Chambers signed up to The Chambers Pro Bono Framework?

Advocate have recently introduced The Chambers Pro Bono Framework as an opportunity for all Chambers in England and Wales to establish their commitment to undertaking pro bono work and improving access to justice.

19 Chambers have already signed up, and they are listed as our [Participating Chambers](#).

If you would like to hear more about how your Chambers can strengthen and highlight your pro bono ethos, read [The Framework actions here](#).

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