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Nominations close Friday 19th August

2022 Bar Pro Bono Awards - 3 weeks to the deadline - Get Nominating!

Who has truly gone above & beyond this year? We want to know. Click [here](#) for more information on how to nominate your #ProBonoHeroes.

Nominations close on **Friday 19 August 2022.**

[Click here to download the nomination form](#)



Pro Bono Roundtables in Wales & Manchester

It is fantastic to see pro bono high on the agenda in Greater Manchester and Wales, as the legal communities there held pro bono roundtables to start establishing pro bono committees, share data on legal need and discuss pro bono work already underway in Greater Manchester and Wales.

We are delighted to be supporting this work alongside the Northern Circuit and the Wales and Chester Circuit.



Pro Bono Costs Orders

Pro Bono Costs Orders – now available in UK Tribunals

Pro bono costs exist to help level the playing field, by ensuring that there are equal adverse costs risks for all parties, even when facing a pro bono assisted party. This can help encourage reasonable litigation conduct and settlement.

Costs recovered are distributed to charities across the UK, including Advocate. Further information available on the [Access to Justice Foundation's website](#).

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Advocate Statistics

201

Live cases currently looking for assistance

691

Pieces of work placed so far this year

185

New Panel Members in 2022

Summary of cases placed this year:

Employment:

16%

Chancery/Commercial:

21%

Family:

22%

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A disabled mother's fight to be heard: Molly's Story

In 2015, eight-year-old Joe was taken away from his mother, Molly. He was later placed under a special guardianship order (SGO).

He was removed, not because Molly couldn't care for him, but because he



had very complex undiagnosed special educational needs (SEN), causing behaviours that were wrongly thought to result from the fact that his mother was a single, physically disabled parent.

Advocate found barristers Aaqib Javed from Spire Barristers and Craig Richardson from 5 Pump Court to help Molly with advice, drafting a position

statement and representation at the final hearing to have the SGO removed. They were successful and Joe and Molly now live together full time.

Read more about Molly's experience [here](#).

You can MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Organise a pro bono talk at your Chambers

Inspired by Molly's story? Why not organise a talk on pro bono at your Chambers to discuss why pro bono is so beneficial, not just for people struggling to access the justice system, but also for you as an advocate.

burgeoning new professional relationships to nurture over their careers.

Not only are you making a remarkable difference to peoples' lives, but you are also learning, growing, and developing as a barrister.

If you would like us to deliver a seminar at your chambers get in touch with the team [here](#).

Advocate hopes not only to assist those experiencing a difficult time accessing justice, but also to provide barristers with rewarding opportunities that will be useful at *all* stages of their careers, from tenancy interviews to [QC applications](#).

There is no denying pro bono helps with practice development; we know barristers have had the opportunity to get on their feet in different courts, expand into other areas of practice and work alongside solicitors on cases,

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Our Volunteer Barrister & Pupil Barrister Success Stories

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Jane Elliot-Kelly
The 36 Group

Jane represented a vulnerable man with Down syndrome and epilepsy in an urgent appeal hearing. His Article 8 private life

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Killian Garvey
Kings Chambers

Shout out to Killian for advising on a planning appeal pro bono, where the parents were trying to lodge planning approval to

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Catherine Peck
12 King's Bench Walk

Fantastic work by Catherine resulted in a successful appeal from the Medical Practitioners

claim had been refused and he was appealing this decision. His mum could no longer look after him, as she had to provide care for her mother abroad and had been diagnosed with depression. Jane made a successful application to adjourn the hearing and the Judge agreed that another 6 months was needed to ensure the applicant's needs are represented properly & to obtain exceptional case funding.

Thank you, Jane

build their son, who has special educational needs, a sensory room.

Whilst the advice was negative, Killian provided crucial advice for the parents to submit a new application, guiding them through what would be needed in the application.

The parents said: "We cannot thank you enough for Mr Garvey's help with this matter".

Thank you, Killian

Tribunal Service, which led to a settlement of £9,000 of pro bono costs being awarded to the Access to Justice Foundation.

A wonderful reminder that UK tribunals now award pro bono costs too. A great result for the applicant and for access to justice across the board. More information on pro bono costs orders is available on the Access for Justice Foundation's website [here](#).

Thank you, Catherine



Can you take on a pro bono case over summer?

If you can consider taking on a piece of pro bono over the summer, it will make a real difference to the lives of those who come to us for help accessing justice.

Thanks to everyone who has already take on a case this year and thanks to those who continue to support Advocate. We salute you.

We hope everyone has a great summer!

[View our list of cases online here](#)

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