Information on Reviewing



Reviewing with Advocate

- Reviewers are an essential part of the Advocate team and fundamental in enabling people to get access to justice through Advocate.
- Reviewers assess for the rest of the Bar all the cases that Advocate process and ensure that the right cases are put forward for pro bono assistance.
- Our reviewers safeguard people's incredibly valuable and limited time and confirm that we are allocating the deserving cases.
- Advocate reviewing has been useful on both silk and judicial applications
- Reviewers must be at least seven years call.

Time commitment

- The reviewing time commitment is approximately two hours a month.
- Reviewers are allocated a slot on a rota according to their availability.
- Reviewers receive no more than four cases on one occasion per month. We ask that they return cases within a week, by filling out a concise written review form.
- Reviewers receive all their rota slots well in advance and we are in touch again shortly before to confirm availability.

Process and support

- Case papers are sent electronically via a Sharepoint link
- You are supported by a small group of Lead reviewers, some of whom are also Advocate trustees.
- We never disclose the identity of our reviewers to the applicants.
- Our reviewers also become a close part of the Advocate team. We try to hold at least one reviewers' evening each year, which is a great opportunity to meet other reviewers and the Advocate team.

Registration and training

- To register please fill in <u>this form</u>.
- Once you have registered your interest, we will send you training materials and reviewer guidelines to look over, prior to being scheduled on the next reviewer rota.
- We will also put you in touch with a current reviewer to ask any specific questions.
- Please do get in touch if you have further questions