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Bar Pro Bono
Awards

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*Let's celebrate all pro bono
happening at the Bar*

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Welcome to the Bar Pro Bono Awards

The awards are an opportunity to **celebrate** the incredible pro bono achievements of the Bar and highlight our **#ProBonoHeroes**.

Since 1997 the Bar Pro Bono Awards recognise the outstanding **commitment to pro bono** by barristers and Chambers.

Since then, **pro bono has developed, broadened and grown**, and it is increasingly difficult for our judging panel to choose one winner in each category.

We received an overwhelming number of nominations this year, a total of **78 nominations**, which is testament to all the **incredible pro bono work** happening at the Bar.

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About Advocate

We are the **Bar's national pro bono charity** that make it possible for barristers to balance a dedicated practice with making a significant contribution to the community.

We believe that fair and equal **access to justice** is the foundation of our society. That the quality of your legal representation should not depend on the depth of your pockets, but the merits of your case.

We match members of the public who need **free legal help** with barristers who are willing to donate their time and expertise **pro bono** for those who are unable to obtain legal aid and cannot afford to pay.

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The Categories

Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year

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**Lifetime Achievement in Pro Bono,
the Sydney Elland Goldsmith Award**

Pro Bono KC of the Year

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International Pro Bono Barrister of the Year

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Pro Bono Initiative of the Year

In partnership with The Bar Council

Social Responsibility Initiative of the Year

Sustainability Initiative of the Year

In partnership with the Bar Council Sustainability Network

Pro Bono Chambers of the Year

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Pro Bono Chambers' Professional of the Year

Sponsored by the LPMA

Junior Pro Bono Barrister of the Year

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John Collins Pro Bono Excellence Award

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2022 Bar Pro Bono Awards Shortlist

Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year

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Winner announced at the Bar Council Annual Bar and Young Bar Conference on 26 November 2022

Abigail Scott – Ropewalk Chambers
Annahita Moradi-Balf – One Pump Court
Georgina Rea – Garden Court Chambers
Joshua Jackson – Cloisters
Liam Kelly – Deans Court Chambers
Olivia Kirkbride – Serjeants' Inn
Paul Erdunast – Temple Garden
Ryan Ross – Farrar's Building
Tinessa Kaur – Kaur's Legal UK

Pro Bono KC of the Year

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Alex Potts KC – Conyers
James McClelland KC – Brick Court Chambers
Mark Harries KC – Serjeants' Inn
Sophie Cartwright KC – Deans Court Chambers

International Pro Bono Barrister of the Year

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Annahita Moradi-Balf, Nigel Edwards KC
& Haydee Dijkstal – One Pump Court & 33 Bedford Row
Gráinne Mellon – Garden Court Chambers
Tatyana Eatwell – Doughty Street Chambers

Pro Bono Initiative of the Year

Winner Announced in partnership with The Bar Council

Ukraine Advice Project

John Collins Pro Bono Excellence Award

In partnership with the North Eastern Circuit

Victoria Butler-Cole KC – 39 Essex Chambers
Ramby de Mello – No5 Barristers' Chambers
Simon Rowbotham – 7BR
Cecily Crampin – Falcon Chambers
Joshua Griffin – Gatehouse Chambers
Julie Okine – Goldsmith Chambers

Junior Pro Bono Barrister of the Year

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Abigail Bright – Doughty Street Chambers
Catherine Meredith – Doughty Street Chambers
Emma Daykin – One Pump Court
Jo Brown & Jo Porter – 4PB
Josef Cannon – Cornerstone Chambers
Lucy Limbrey – 4 King's Bench Walk
Marika Lemos – Devereux Chambers
Sarah Pinder – Goldsmith Chambers

Pro Bono Chambers of the Year

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Deans Court Chambers
Gatehouse Chambers
One Essex Court
Serjeants' Inn

Pro Bono Chambers' Professional of the Year

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Jack Brown – Outer Temple
Jamie Tucker – 12KBW
Mark Ronson – Kings Chambers
Tom O'Connor – Serjeants' Inn

Social Responsibility Initiative of the Year

Spire Barristers
9 St John Street Chambers
Brick Court Chambers
Bridging The Bar
Bringing [Dis]Ability to the Bar
Ukraine Resettling Scheme
Sikh Lawyers Association

Sustainability Initiative of the Year

*In partnership with the Bar Council
Sustainability Network*

Doughty Street Chambers
Hemp & Hemp Wigs
Lawyers for Nature

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The Judges

Chair of the Judging Panel, Advocate Founder and President
Lord Goldsmith KC

Chair of the Bar Council
Mark Fenhalls KC

Chair of the Institute of Barristers' Clerks
Geoffrey Carr

Director of the Law Centres Network
Julie Bishop

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Clare Bello and Jemma Tagg

Editor, *Counsel*
Sarah Grainger

Global Bar Editor, *The Legal 500*
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Michael Jones KC

Chair of the Young Barristers' Committee
Michael Polak

Co-Chairs of the Pro Bono and Social Responsibility Committee
Leanne Targett-Parker and Laurie Scher

The Secret Barrister

Leader of the North Eastern Circuit
Richard Wright KC

Sheila Collins

Partner and Director of Responsible Business &
Pro Bono at Charles Russell Speechlys LLP
Kerry Stares

Global Sustainability and ESG Partner at Ashurst
Anna-Marie Slot

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The Ceremony

Welcome

Dame Maura McGowan KC, Middle Temple Treasurer

Introduction

Sir Robin Knowles CBE, Advocate Chairman

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Pryanka Pratt, Head of Bar Marketing

*Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year and Lifetime Achievement in Pro Bono,
the Sydney Elland Goldsmith Award Shortlists Announced*

Aaqib Javed, Young Bar Advocate (YBA) Chair

President of the Family Division Remarks

Sir Andrew McFarlane

Winners announced in the following categories

Pro Bono KC of the Year

International Pro Bono Barrister of the Year

Pro Bono Initiative of the Year

Social Responsibility Initiative of the Year

Sustainability Initiative of the Year

Pro Bono Chambers of the Year

Pro Bono Chambers' Professional of the Year

Junior Pro Bono Barrister of the Year

Sir Robin Knowles CBE, Advocate Chairman

John Collins Pro Bono Excellence Award Winner Announced

Richard Wright KC, Leader of the North Eastern Circuit

Closing Remarks & Thanks

Sir Robin Knowles CBE, Advocate Chairman

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Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year

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Liam Kelly

Deans Court

Georgina Rea

Garden Court

Annahita Moradi-Balf

One Pump Court

Ryan Ross

Farrar's Building

Joshua Jackson

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Tinessa Kaur

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Paul Erdunast

Temple Garden

Olivia Kirkbride

Serjeants' Inn

Abigail Scott

Ropewalk

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Liam Kelly

Deans Court Chambers

“It is part of his talent as a barrister that he can relate to a vulnerable client in such a way whilst under extraordinary professional pressure.”



Liam Kelly was called to the Bar in 2019. Since joining Deans Court Chambers, he has developed his practice to become an exceptional junior barrister and valued member of the family team.

Liam joined Advocate in March 2020 and since then has completed over 50 hours of pro bono work during his short time at the Bar, including completing most recently #25for25: The Pro Bono Challenge in the last 12 months. His contribution to Advocate in the 2 years of his practice, including during pupillage, is an excellent achievement and shows his dedication to pro bono work and access to justice.

Liam regularly takes on pro bono cases requiring substantial work, be that through written advice, conferences with clients, skeleton arguments or time spent in court. While working on a complex case, where a mother was about to have her young son removed from her care, he worked beyond his duty to his client, to gain a stay of execution, from an out-of-hours judge, at 9pm via video link.

He subsequently drafted grounds of appeal and a skeleton argument overnight to gain a further stay, until the matter could be heard by the Court of Appeal several days later, a case he went on to win for his client, appearing pro bono. Regardless of his heavy workload, his high-quality service and exceptional preparation are unwavering, and he consistently provides a top-class service to all who instruct him.

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Georgina Rea

Garden Court Chambers

“The outcome would not have been possible without Georgina’s brilliant advocacy and commitment to carry out the work pro bono.”



Georgina began her second six in April 2022 and has taken on many pro bono cases, alongside her busy criminal practice and pupillage training, through:

- Advocate
- Coram Children’s Legal Centre
- The School Inclusion Project
- Bail for Immigration Detainees (“BID”)
- The Afghan Judiciary Project
- The Free Representation Unit (“FRU”)

A lot of Georgina’s pro bono work is focused on the rights of neurodivergent children and disabled adults, which she feels particularly passionate about as a neurodivergent lawyer. In her first case before the Social Security and Child Support Tribunal, Georgina successfully appealed a nil award of Personal Independence Payment (“PIP”), and the tribunal awarded PIP at the enhanced rate for daily living and mobility.

Georgina has provided pro bono written advice on litigation, settlement and evidence, as well as oral advocacy. She has appeared in front of the Special Education Needs and Disability Tribunal and the First Tier Immigration Tribunal, securing immigration bail for a client who was subject to a Rwanda deportation order. Georgina hopes to continue accepting pro bono instructions into practice and is an example of how integrating pro bono work into pupillage not only benefits a young barristers’ training, but also secures justice for vulnerable people.

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Annahita Moradi-Balf

One Pump Court Chambers

“She is a barrister whose refreshing drive to help people in immigration detention helps those around her remember why they became involved in the Law and why it is important to care for matters of justice.”



Annahita not only possesses impressive and astute legal and analytical skills, but she navigates life at the Bar with a deep demonstrable sense of moral responsibility to assist those who would otherwise lack access to justice. She has completed an approximate total of over 300 hours of pro bono work between 2020 and 2022.

Annahita is known for possessing bold and brave initiative to help people, often helping lay and professional clients with new and creative ways to manage their legal issues. She has also assisted pro bono in international cases, advising NGOs and representing individuals in vulnerable circumstances.

As part of her ongoing work and association with Bail for Immigration Detainees, Annahita encourages others to take on pro bono work - for BID, she wrote an article on the value of doing pro bono work. She continues to be an inspiration to junior, and more senior, barristers, having an immeasurable impact on the amount of pro bono work done at the Bar.

The impact of the work undertaken by Annahita cannot be underestimated, especially given that it is provided to individuals and their families in their times of most dire need, including those who have been unlawfully or arbitrarily detained. It is best expressed by the lay clients themselves, one of whom states: “...we are eternally grateful. She is a shining beacon in the legal industry”.

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Ryan Ross

Farrar's Building

"We have nothing but admiration for the support provided to our family by Ryan. He helped guide us through a system that does not take into consideration the challenges faced by families following a devastating loss of a loved one."



Ryan joined Farrar's Building as a Tenant in 2021. He has assisted numerous clients pro bono, dedicating over 150 hours in the past year.

In November 2020, Ryan acted via Advocate for Mr and Mrs E in an inquest into the unexpected death of their adult daughter (CE). A post-mortem revealed a high quantity of prescription painkillers in CE's system. Her family were concerned that the Coroner might record a finding of suicide. Ryan provided representation at the 1-day hearing in Gloucester in July 2021 and he questioned two of CE's doctors, with attention focusing on the high dose of painkillers and associated medication that CE had been prescribed. Mr and Mrs E were pleased when the Coroner recorded a narrative verdict, which was supported by both barristers representing the hospital and GP practice.

In February 2021, Ryan appeared unled in the Court of Appeal via Advocate, opposite King's Counsel and Junior Counsel (*Park v Hadi and Another* [2022] EWCA Civ 581). He successfully resisted an appeal against a relief from sanction decision, acting for a vulnerable client with limited grasp of the English language.

In March 2021, Ryan appeared pro bono before the Employment Appeal Tribunal (*Kumar v MES Environmental Ltd* [2022] EAT 60). He succeeded in establishing that a party should be able to obtain a transcript of any audio-recording made of Employment Tribunal proceedings.

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Joshua Jackson

Cloisters

“His ability to work with litigants in person to ensure that their needs are met, whilst balancing difficult legal situations, is unparalleled and is testament to his ability as a barrister.”



Joshua has taken on three cases for Advocate since starting his second six pupillage in April 2021, involving complex social security and care issues.

For example, Joshua acts for a Disabled Qualified Panel Member of the First-Tier Tribunal in an appeal before the Upper Tribunal against an overpayment decision of the DWP. Permission has been granted on all grounds. In August 2021, the appellant reached out to Advocate stating: “Words can’t express the gratitude I feel that you exist. I am a very vulnerable applicant against the DWP which keeps misapplying the law. I would never have made it without you.”

In another case, Joshua successfully assisted a vulnerable individual in a dispute regarding her local authority’s decision to terminate her direct payments under the Care Act 2014. Payments are now being reinstated so the applicant can access the care she needs.

In addition to his work for Advocate, Joshua represents people in immigration bail hearings on behalf of BID. He has also advised and acted in several international human rights and environmental claims on a pro bono basis, including in cases regarding climate change, oil spills in South America, oil and gas exploration in the Guyana, and Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. What sets Joshua apart is that his pro bono work involves cases and initiatives that affect change on the local as well as the international level.

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Tinessa Kaur

Kaurs Legal UK

“Along with her enthusiasm, positive energy, and attentiveness, Tinessa brings a unique talent to campaigning for social issues with the betterment of the newer generation in mind.”



Tinessa has come to the Bar from a non-traditional background, overcoming enormous adversity, including her father’s imprisonment at 15 years old, her mother’s bipolar condition, being homeless and exposed to gangs during her A-levels, to being Called to the Bar as a Barrister in 2019.

Already in early stages of her career, Tinessa has dedicated a lot of her time to pro bono work in the community. She runs a legal clinic, founded the Sikh Lawyers Association and runs her own anti-gang project. This last year alone she has won two awards in the Sikh Community for her outstanding work and dedication to pro bono work, the Highly Commended Rising Star in Law Award at the British Sikh Awards 2022 and the Achievements in Law Award at the National Sikh Community and Sports Awards 2022.

She has made legal advice more accessible to underrepresented communities and provided them with assistance and gaining affordable help, by providing pro bono services wherever possible. She has assisted with the following cases in the Sikh Community, West Midlands 3 Case, Free Jaggi Now, discrimination for wearing a Kirpan, and stop and search rights during protests. Tinessa has attended schools to provide anti-gang workshops and mentoring.

Tinessa is proactive, cares about her clients and colleagues, she is fearless in advocating for justice and most importantly she is a role model for young ethnic women.

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Paul Erdunast

Temple Garden Chambers

“Paul is someone who has dedicated his professional career to using the law to help others and has continued this work at the Bar. He goes above and beyond at every stage.”



Paul has done significant pro bono work across the last twelve months. He assisted a vulnerable litigant who had been told something false which reasonably caused the litigant to experience extreme distress. After significant legal research, Paul concluded that the litigant's best option was to pursue their case on a conditional fee agreement with a solicitor. Through a solicitor Paul recommended, the litigant has now sent pre-action correspondence to the Defendant and has good prospects of obtaining a financial remedy.

Through Advocate's Afghan Project, Paul worked with an Afghan citizen who had worked in a women's rights organisation in Afghanistan, and who had been threatened by the Taliban, on his potential options for resettlement in the UK. Paul did significant work to try and find means for the applicant to leave Afghanistan. Ultimately the applicant was ineligible to enter the country under the UK Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme, but he was able to provide a link to the analogous scheme run by Canada. Though there could not be a better result, Paul went the extra mile by contacting numerous organisations to attempt to ensure that the applicant could reach safety.

Again through Advocate's Afghan Project, Paul assisted a British citizen whose family was in Afghanistan. Paul advised the applicant on their options to bring their family to the UK and was able to advise that through the applicant's cousin's wife, a refugee in the UK, the family should be able to arrive in the UK through refugee family reunification.

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Olivia Kirkbride

Serjeants' Inn Chambers

“Olivia was highly accomplished and remarkable in her professionalism, diligence, and care in representing the litigants pro bono in both cases. I cannot commend her highly enough.”



Olivia joined Serjeants' Inn Chambers, as a tenant, in March 2022. She has undertaken a substantial amount of pro bono work, including in the High Court and in the Court of Appeal.

She has appeared pro bono in several private family law disputes, through Advocate, including multiple-day fact-finding hearings, and has also provided pro bono representation in multiple serious medical treatment cases.

She appeared as junior counsel in the Court of Appeal, representing the children of a lady in a minimally conscious state, who sought to appeal a decision that it was in P's best interests for life sustaining treatment to be withdrawn. Olivia prepared the bundles and skeleton argument and worked with solicitors, also acting pro bono, to bring an experienced silk on board. The appeal was successful and the Court of Appeal provided crucial guidance in respect of judges of the Court of Protection meeting with P.

Olivia also appeared as sole counsel in the High Court and in the Court of Appeal, in a case involving the withdrawal of life-sustaining medical treatment from a young child.

Olivia has appeared on behalf of a number of litigants, in circumstances where they would otherwise have been unable to fund representation, providing crucial support to them in difficult personal circumstances.

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Abigail Scott

Ropewalk Chambers

“Abigail has both the knowledge of her profession and the ability to communicate and put people at ease. It is this combination that separates a professional from an exceptional professional.”



Abigail came to the Bar intending to make pro bono work an important part of her practice. During her Bar studies, she provided pro bono assistance through Nottingham Legal Advice Centre and Free Representation Unit. In tenancy, she continues pro bono work through Advocate, accepting her first cases in 2022.

Through Advocate, Abigail acted for a vulnerable claimant who had paid a large sum of money to a tradesperson who then failed to complete the contracted work. Full damages and pro bono costs were recovered at trial. The client stated that “a huge burden has lifted...Without [Abigail’s] representation, I feel sure that we would not have had the judge rule in our favour.”

Abigail assisted with the out-of-court resolution of an entrenched and hostile consumer dispute involving a vehicle purchase, securing a full refund, consequential losses and costs for the client. She also advised in respect of a complex breach of contract claim against the estate of a deceased builder, and is presently assisting another homeowner in a proposed nuisance/negligence claim against a water undertaker, the home having allegedly suffered water damage due to leaking infrastructure.

Abigail completed Advocate’s #25for25: The Pro Bono Challenge, having spent over 25 hours on pro bono work in 2022. She does so independently, managing her pro bono work without clerk involvement, alongside her fast-paced and growing junior practice.

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Lifetime Achievement in Pro Bono, the Sydney Elland Goldsmith Award

Francesca Quint

Radcliffe Chambers

Dr Jocelynn Scutt

University of Buckingham

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Francesca Quint

Radcliffe Chambers



“Francesca has been a rock for the Advocate Casework team, readily available to offer help when a tricky case comes along. We are so grateful for everything she has and will continue to do for Advocate, vulnerable people who come to us for help and access to justice.”

Francesca has been working with charitable causes for the whole of her career, first at the Charity Commission and since 1990 in independent practice. This long-term contribution to the charity sector, made over the course of a career, has given Francesca unique insight into the importance of the need to gain access to justice for all. As a leading expert in charity law, Francesca has been able to provide valuable pro bono advice.

Francesca regularly reviews applications for Advocate and has provided representation on many occasions. Francesca has demonstrated a strong commitment to the pro bono ethic outside of her legal practice as well, through long-term contributions over the course of her career. Not just championing access to justice, but championing the reform, clarity, and correct application of the law.

She has held, and continues to hold, several roles that enable her to do this. This includes being involved in the reform of charity law, recommending the strengthening of the public benefit test for charities, and has most recently commented in depth on the Law Commission’s proposals for technical changes to charity law. She is a long-standing member of the Charity Law Association, having served on the executive committee for many years and for whom she has drafted governing documents, a trustee of various charities and a member of Almshouse Association, regularly giving them pro bono legal advice. Francesca's continued pro bono assistance all throughout her life is commendable.

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Dr Jocelynn Scutt

University of Buckingham



“Dr Scutt’s commitment and dedication to ensuring equality of Women’s Rights in her pro bono work has been quite outstanding. We owe a debt of gratitude and respect to Dr Scutt whose life work is selfless when it comes to Women’s Rights.”

Dr Jocelynn Scutt is an Australian feminist lawyer, writer, and commentator. She is one of Australia's leading human rights barristers, was instrumental in reform of the laws on rape and domestic violence, and has served as Anti-Discrimination Commissioner of Tasmania and as a judge in the High Court of Fiji.

She is a member of the UN Committee Against Trafficking, a board member of the International Alliance of Women and its representative to the Coalition for the International Criminal Court.

Dr Scutt was called to the English Bar in July 2014. She is a prolific author with texts which deal with women’s issues and discrimination. But most importantly has spent her whole life fighting injustice and trying to achieve women's equality. Currently, she is arranging and presiding over the Women’s Parliament, the first sitting of which took place on International Women’s Day 2021 and included a speech from the granddaughter of a suffragette.

In June 2022, Dr Scutt looked into the incorporation of CEDAW, The UN Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women, into domestic law. Dr Scutt led a distinguished panel of five female judges to hear the evidence and wrote a widely acclaimed report which she presented to No 10 Downing Street in August 2021.

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Pro Bono KC of the Year

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Deans Court

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Sophie Cartwright KC

Deans Court Chambers

“Sophie’s dedication on this case is a testament to her expertise as a barrister and to her willingness to help those in need. She has been a lifeline for our applicant who is grieving, and her work has been truly life changing.”



Sophie Cartwright KC is an Advocate Pro Bono Champion at her Chambers, Deans Court. Earlier this year she was one of only a few Northern Circuit Silks to complete #25for25: The Pro Bono Challenge, in which barristers were asked to do 25 hours of pro bono as part of Advocate’s 25th anniversary.

Sophie has been involved in a complex and difficult judicial review matter for an inquest case through Advocate. Her client tragically lost their four-year-old son, and Sophie has spent many hours working tirelessly on this matter and laboured hard to achieve a favourable outcome for her client.

The pre-action protocol letter she drafted has resulted in an agreement by the coroner that there have been public law failings and, not contesting the Judicial Review application and agreeing that the previous inquest should be quashed, a fresh inquest should be heard.

In doing so, the coroner’s office will not pursue costs against her client, so that the judicial review can go ahead. Without Sophie’s help to hold the coroner’s office to account, as well as the local authorities, other children in the area may be at risk and failed by the local care authorities.

Sophie’s efforts go far beyond her duty to her clients and her compassion shines through in her preparation and diligence in dealing with the most difficult cases.

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Mark Harries KC

Serjeants' Inn

“Mark’s enthusiasm in even the most challenging situation is inspiring for both us at Advocate and for our applicant to provide a glimpse of hope. Mark is an invaluable member of our volunteer panel.”



Mark’s practice stands out for the importance, impact and range of pro bono cases he undertakes. In the last 12 months alone, he has promoted access to justice not only by representing a nurse with mental health fragility in disciplinary proceedings, but also by representing Claire Mathews in the case “which put the spotlight on mental health in the UK [legal] profession”, as well as joint enterprise and murder cases, and a disciplinary case involving a high-profile senior soldier in the British Army.

The impact for his clients is clear. An individual Mark represented with mental health fragility (in circumstances where a 5-year delay - and his resulting inability to work – significantly increased the pressure) notes that Mark’s reassurance and guidance, as well as his legal expertise, is key. Mark put together bundles, character testimonials and witness statements for the Fitness to Practice hearing, as well as providing a comprehensive written response to the allegations supplemented by a 13-page abuse of process submission which was then delivered orally at the 3-day hearing.

As an advisory panel member of the charity *Inside Justice*, Mark has provided pro bono advice to prisoners in joint enterprise cases and in two murder cases. He has also secured Leave to Appeal in a multi-hander drug case in which a prisoner is serving a minimum of 19 years. Mark led a pro bono review of this case which included instructions on neurodiversity, challenging trial representation, securing new evidence connected to a related conviction from a different jurisdiction and the admission of bad character evidence.

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James McClelland KC

Brick Court Chambers

“A very difficult, complex and sensitive situation was handled very smoothly. James provided transparency and highlighted the unfairness... showing nothing but kindness and support.”



James has a wide-ranging practice specialising in commercial, public and regulatory law. James was instructed by Shearman & Sterling LLP on a pro bono basis, on one of the most high-profile and complex financial services judicial review cases. James was an outstanding advocate for the clients and devoted countless hours to the case.

James represented a group of individuals who suffered devastating financial losses when FCA-regulated investment firm London Capital & Finance Plc (LCF) collapsed. LCF was apparently run as an alleged Ponzi scheme and criminal proceedings are ongoing. In total, around 11,000 retail investors stood to lose over £200 million.

In both the way he developed the claimants' pleadings and written submissions and the arguments at the hearing, James masterfully tackled these intricate matters of the EU and UK financial regulatory and consumer rights law and was instrumental in presenting the claimants' arguments in the very best possible light, in a case where ultimately the odds were stacked against his clients.

James took a noteworthy leadership role during preparation for trial, dealing with new factual and legal issues which emerged and overseeing the preparation review of skeleton arguments, which continued over the Christmas period. James' dedication and tenacity were outstanding. He really 'got stuck into the case' and was entirely committed to his clients.

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Alex Potts KC

Conyers

“Alex's pro bono work has ensured that a disenfranchised minority with scarce resources – which could never dream of affording this quality of legal service – has access to the best possible legal advice in our fight for equality and against undue discrimination.”



Alex Potts KC is an employed barrister, who has been called to the Bars of England and Wales (2000, Queen's Counsel 2018), the Cayman Islands (2005, 2020), Bermuda (2008), and the British Virgin Islands (2021).

In 2014 and 2015, Alex's thoughtful advice and advocacy secured the first two Protective Costs Orders ever granted in the British Overseas Territories, in the context of two planning appeals brought in Bermuda on environmental and public interest grounds.

Most recently, Alex has provided a huge amount of pro bono advice and representation to *Colours Caribbean* in 2021 and 2022 in making a successful application for leave to intervene before the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands on public interest grounds. He then successfully defended, on behalf of the Cayman Islands' minority LGBTQI+ community, an application for judicial review of the constitutionality of the Civil Partnership Act 2020.

Alex's involvement in this pro bono project has attracted a significant amount of positive interest and feedback, both within the firm and amongst the general public, highlighting the firm's and Alex's bold commitment to pro bono work and Diversity & Inclusion initiatives, as well as the firm's active support for the LGBTQI+ community in the Cayman Islands, in Bermuda, and internationally.

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International Pro Bono Barrister of the Year

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Annahita Moradi-Balf, Nigel Edwards KC & Haydee Dijkstal *One Pump Court & 33 Bedford Row*



“Were it not for the efforts and the perseverance of the legal team, I would surely still be in Evin Prison, without any prospect of seeing my loved ones ever again.”

Annahita specialises in public international law and human rights, incorporating significant pro bono work into her practice. Her work spans multiple jurisdictions including Iran, Egypt and Bahrain, incorporating issues of human rights, natural resources, the right to life, detention, torture, forced sterilisation and freedom of expression. Annahita is a dedicated volunteer for Bail for Immigration Detainees (BID) and regularly examines international issues in the context of immigration detention.

Nigel is a criminal practitioner and Head of International Law at 33 Bedford Row, and regularly conducts cases involving the most serious allegations including murder, with a high success rate. Haydee specialises in international criminal law and international human rights law and is also a US attorney, Bar Human Rights Committee Executive Member, ICC Bar Association (ICCBA) Executive Committee Member, ICCBA Victims Committee Chair and is on the ICCs List of Counsel.

Since 2020, Annahita, Nigel and Haydee have spent over 200 hours representing Anoosheh Ashoori, who was taken hostage, detained and tortured in Iran’s notorious Evin prison. In under two years of being instructed, Anoosheh was released in early 2022. He served less than half his 10-year sentence. Anousheh's wife has commented that without their representation, her husband's release would not have been possible.

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Tatyana Eatwell

Doughty Street Chambers



“The level of Tatyana’s expertise and passion has been critical to our successes on the case. She has been wonderful to work with and has always made herself available to support pro bono. We are truly grateful for all she has done.”

Tatyana is Head of Doughty Street International and specialises in public international law and international human rights law. She leads a team of over fifty practitioners, both in the UK and abroad and devotes much of her time to assisting and encouraging junior members of the team with the development of their important international pro bono work.

Her international pro bono work has, for the last year, been focused on three main cases:

- Supporting the Yazidi Justice Committee by co-authoring a report on State Responsibility and the Yazidi Genocide.
- Seeking justice for Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe through her work with Redress, a commitment which has spanned nearly five years.
- Seeking justice for two journalists killed in South Sudan (Christopher Allen) and Libya (Anton Hammerl), a significant portion of which has been done pro bono.

Tatyana has devoted a very significant amount of time to the above matters. Her work has led directly to the release of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and secured justice for the Yazidi community. Tatyana really goes above and beyond, spending countless hours drafting legal analysis, attending strategy meetings, and really dedicating herself to her clients.

advocate



Gráinne Mellon

Garden Court Chambers



“Gráinne is an exceptionally well-regarded human rights lawyer and a formidable advocate for those in need. She dedicates huge amounts of time to pro bono work and has made a huge difference to the work of human rights organisations.”

Gráinne had demonstrated an incredible commitment to pro bono international human rights work through the Bar Human Rights Committee, with whom she has worked for over a decade and is the current Vice-Chair, her pro bono work and leadership in relation to Afghanistan, and her work in private practice.

Through the BHRC this year, Gráinne has provided significant strategic support and direction to the organisation, as well as working on devising and delivering training on Human Rights and At-Risk Groups in Turkey with Article 19, international human rights law in Kazakhstan and India, and fair trial issues at Guantanamo Bay.

Gráinne has worked extensively on Afghan cases, in particular assisting with prosecutors and judges trying to leave the country. At the end of 2021, she approached Advocate to set up the Project Afghanistan to maximise and coordinate pro bono assistance for the most vulnerable Afghans, providing training to volunteers and enlisting colleagues to assist.

She has also acted on behalf of Sean Binder, a law student detained in Greece for volunteer work helping refugees. Gráinne assisted Sean in putting together a pro bono legal team and prepared detailed pro bono written advice. She continues to advise on his options for recourse in international human rights law.

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Pro Bono Initiative of the Year Winner

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Ukraine Advice Project

“UAP is an excellent example of pro bono work that changed the lives of thousands. I have a great deal of respect and affection for what UAP has managed to achieve - in terms of supporting Ukrainians who needed urgent help, but also in the founders’ ability to create a real community of practice.”

The Ukraine Advice Project (UAP) provides free initial information to people fleeing Ukraine about their immigration options, backed by a network of over 600 immigration lawyers who give specialist pro bono advice in cases where it is needed. The project combines the resources of large law firms, who can offer initial information and triaging, with the specialist expertise of volunteer barristers, solicitors, and immigration lawyers who provide further advice in complex cases.

The project sprung up almost overnight, when a group of barristers identified that Ukrainian refugees, created by the conflict, would need clear, high quality legal advice about their immigration options for coming to, or remaining in, the UK.

Unlike EU countries, which unilaterally granted leave to Ukrainians in their territory, the Home Office created several bespoke schemes for Ukrainians and their family members, which have fairly been criticised as both byzantine and fast-changing. UAP has supported applicants to navigate these schemes; obtaining visas to move to the UK, reuniting family members, extending leave to remain they already hold, and finding sponsors to allow them to enter the UK.

The UAP has worked on 3,028 cases, which represents a much larger number of individuals seeking help, as many of these cases involve families or groups. With over 600 immigration lawyers having worked on the project so far, which likely represents most immigration practitioners in the UK, it is believed that this is the largest mass mobilisation of UK immigration lawyers in history. The Ukraine Advice Project is an innovative and effective response to one of the most pressing human rights disasters of our time.

advocate



Social Responsibility Initiative of the Year

Spire Barristers

9 St John Street Chambers

Brick Court Chambers

Bridging the Bar

Bringing [Dis]Ability to the Bar

Bar Council Ukrainian Resettlement Scheme

Sikh Lawyers Association

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Spire Barristers

“We are all extremely grateful for your wonderful donation, which will have a direct and positive impact on the young people we support.”



**Spire
Foundation**

Spire Barristers is a specialist Family and Public law set based in Leeds. These areas of law predominantly involve the most vulnerable children and adults in society, often at the lowest ebb in their lives, where decisions are being made about their safety, their welfare and importantly their future.

Motivated by that social consciousness The Spire Foundation was formed by members of Spire Barristers to make a positive difference for these vulnerable people, assisting them to achieve their true potential despite their previous life events.

The All-Party Parliamentary Group examined the impact of education in care and concluded that being in care can, and often does, have devastating consequences that affect them for the rest of their lives. Along with their emotional and mental stability, their educational achievement suffers directly as a result.

Now a registered charity, The Spire Foundation provides funding to help improve the life outcomes of vulnerable young people. The Foundation has links to several charities and organisations aligned with their aims. As a result of the Foundation's work through these links, they have donated two new laptops to the Yorkshire Children's Centre (YCC) and spare office chairs from Chambers to provide the YCC's volunteers better working accommodation.

advocate



9 St John Street Chambers

“9SJS have such compassion for their city and community. Their Nine Lives Community Fund and their commitment to helping charities and communities locally is nothing short of astounding.”



The Nine Lives Community Fund is the charitable fund of 9 St John Street Chambers and was established in 2008 to support grassroots community projects. Monthly donations to the fund are made by members of Chambers, as well as being raised through fundraising activities. Over 14 years Nine Lives has supported 72 projects, benefited 8,798 people and awarded £140,171.

Since 2008, Nine Lives has supported local communities, activities, and projects across Greater Manchester including a few examples below.

- Great Lever Voice, which offers vocational training courses for young people within Great Lever with few or no qualifications.
- South Manchester Down's Syndrome Support Group, a local parent-led charity which supports people with Down's syndrome and their families by providing activities, social events, speech and language therapy, information and training.
- Breaking Barriers, which provides opportunities for disabled children to have new experiences.
- Barnabus, a homeless charity based in Manchester, which Nine Lives supports by volunteering with provision of hot food and drink, as well as lending a listening ear to those experiencing homelessness within the city.
- Wood Street Mission, which helps support families living on a low income in Manchester and Salford with practical help and services.

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Brick Court Chambers

“Your generous support is enabling us to raise the aspirations of young people from disadvantaged backgrounds and provide them with the guidance and support they need to achieve their ambitions.”



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Brick Court Chambers celebrated its centenary in 2021. To celebrate, it partnered with four charities with the goals of: raising at least £250,000; raising awareness for, and positively promoting the aims of the charities; and engaging Chambers’ members and staff in the partnership.

Chambers deliberately chose to aim wider than just the legal sector, and so its two primary Centenary charities were social mobility and education charities IntoUniversity and the Sutton Trust. Chambers did not forget its legal roots, however, and also supported the Access to Justice Foundation and Advocate, committing to raising at least £25,000 for each.

Members and staff of Chambers took part in: online quizzes; a group trek along Hadrian’s Wall; a summer fete for them and their families; half-marathons; a Thames Path walking challenge; Brick Court “Come Dine with Me”; a 1921 miles challenge and much more.

But Chambers wanted more than that; it wanted to engage directly with the charities. And it did that successfully too. With the support of numerous volunteers from Chambers, IntoUniversity and the Sutton Trust’s students were offered transformative work experience placements, involving meeting Supreme Court Justices, attending debating workshops and talks from barristers and solicitors, as well as insight events and careers information sessions. This gave students from disadvantaged backgrounds opportunities to learn about and experience the legal sector.

advocate



Bridging the Bar

“As aspiring barristers from non-traditional, diverse backgrounds, Bridging the Bar has been an indispensable source of support for us on our journey to the Bar.”



Since launching in July 2020, Bridging the Bar (BTB) have assisted 4,709 candidates through workshops, seminars and work experience opportunities. They have partnered with over 70 barrister Chambers across the UK, 26 sponsorship partners and over 300 barristers.

BTB have secured alternative work experience programmes providing internships at the Law Commission and Government Legal Department. The fact that BTB instigated and secured the first ever *paid* internship programme at the UK Supreme Court, including life coach sessions, for eight BTB candidates, showed breath-taking ambition and ground-breaking delivery. This was a life and career changing opportunity demonstrated by the outcome - by May 2022, 85% of the UK Supreme Court interns who applied had secured pupillage at leading sets.

BTB have also set up a summer school programme to give aspiring lawyers exposure to key skills to help with applications, interview technique, advocacy and networking. They have paired candidates with partners at 6 King's Bench Walk, Temple Garden Chambers and The Kalisher Trust for the opportunity to attend advocacy sessions. These openings offer not just an introduction to the working legal world but the opportunity to gain confidence and skills. The candidates learn that being a barrister involves communication with all sectors of the public and that their non-traditional background is something to be celebrated and built upon, not camouflaged out of embarrassment.

advocate



Bringing [Dis]Ability to the Bar

“The key success of BDABar is that it is run by those who are determined to work collaboratively with the Bar to ensure that disabled aspiring barristers are welcomed and empowered to succeed.”



Bringing [Dis] Ability to the Bar

Bringing [Dis]Ability to the Bar (BDABar) is led by disabled aspiring barristers and allies. The organisation aims to make the Bar a more diverse and disability-inclusive profession. According to the Bar Council, over 1 in 8 of the young Bar self-describe as disabled; there is an urgent need for their initiative, which perhaps explains their rapid growth.

BDABar's *Counsel* magazine article was 'Most Viewed' throughout April 2022, and their launch was covered by *The Times* and *Legal Cheek*. With over 1,300 followers on Twitter, nearly 800 on LinkedIn, and over 200 on Instagram, they are increasing visibility. Through research and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) education, BDABar are reframing the narrative around disabilities. By supporting aspiring disabled candidates in attaining mini-pupillages, pupillage, and tenancy, they will empower the emergence of a fair, equal, and representative Bar.

Disability is a personal characteristic that is extremely stigmatised in society and at the Bar; many disabled aspiring barristers feel like trespassers in a world that looks very different to their lived experiences.

BDABar believes that awareness raising, and career opportunities are best facilitated when combined with research, evidence-based advocacy and non-judgmental conversations. Their holistic strategy will simultaneously improve accessibility to the profession and educate the wider community on disability matters.

advocate



Bar Council Ukrainian Resettlement Scheme

“Due to bombardment in the city of Kharkiv, we had to escape from home at the beginning of March 2022... The Bar Council introduced us to a barrister and her husband who kindly offered space in their London home for both my parents, me, and my son so that we could register for the UK government’s 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme. I would like to thank the Bar Council and my hosts for the unique support provided to me and my family.”

The Bar Council Ukrainian Resettlement Scheme is a Ukrainian lawyer matching scheme, which runs alongside the UK government’s 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme, which invites barristers in England and Wales to welcome displaced Ukrainians into their homes.

The Scheme operated in two phases. Firstly, following strong support from barristers, the Bar Council compiled a database taking into account the geographical area barristers live in, how many guests they would be willing to house, and any other personal requests. The second phase involved analysing a list of displaced Ukrainians provided by the Ukrainian Bar Association against Barristers who had registered as sponsors.

The matching process faced challenges in organising a large volume of contacts, understanding the finer details of the Department of Levelling Up’s guidance, and facilitating contact between displaced Ukrainians and the potential sponsors.

The Scheme has significantly influenced the lives of those who have made their way to the UK by giving them an opportunity to start a new life. The Bar Council’s team has consistently been volunteering on this project since March, and the initiative is ongoing.

advocate



Sikh Lawyers Association

“SLA is deserving of this award due to its commitment and willingness to give back to the community. They go above and beyond to ensure the future generation of lawyers have the support and network they need to guide them through their career paths.”



Sikh Lawyers Association (SLA) is the first ever organisation to represent Sikhs within the legal profession. Tinessa Kaur founded the organisation and asked her three other co-founders Karan Kaur, Jaskeerat Singh and Paman Singh to join her in this special and honourable opportunity to give back to the Sikh Community in the legal profession.

SLA runs a mentorship programme where they match students with barristers and solicitors. This is so the students can gain support and experience in developing their careers in Law, but also encourage them to learn more about their cultural background and the principles of “Sewa”, self-less service, which encourages pro bono work.

Sikh Lawyers are very active on social media and in campaigning, raising their voices about campaigns such as the Criminal Bar Strike Action. The SLA attended the lobbying event in Parliament in July 2022. Further, the SLA have conducted mock interviews for students and graduates with Pupillage or Training Contract interviews. These have been very popular and successful each year, with many candidates securing pupillage and training contracts. Their dedication to making sure Sikhs are represented fairly in the profession is commendable.

They have also supported lawyers who have been discriminated against, where they have been stopped from entering court buildings due to wearing a Kirpan. They are always ready to speak out against injustice.

advocate



Sustainability Initiative of the Year

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Hemp & Hemp Wigs

Lawyers for Nature

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Doughty Street Chambers

“The Green Team has taken considerable and significant steps to reduce and mitigate emission through switching to renewable energy, initiating the process to install solar panels, and reducing office-based emissions.”



Doughty Street were among the first Chambers to implement a sustainability policy and conduct a carbon audit and set carbon reduction targets and an ambitious net zero policy for 2023.

The Chambers have created a ‘Green Team’, which consist of members and staff motivated to act on the climate and ecological emergencies. Established in 2018 and chaired by Ben Cooper KC, the Team also acts as Chambers’ hub for exchanging ideas about using professional skills to lead change in environmental issues among our peers.

Their primary work in taking proactive steps to reduce Chambers’ environmental impact has centred around reducing their carbon footprint. This commenced with a carbon audit conducted by Achill Management Group, to assess and target their carbon neutral goals. The audit revealed that the biggest source of emissions derives from energy use within their office spaces and transportation.

Doughty Street Chambers is a member of the Camden Climate Change Alliance comprising other businesses operating in Camden Council. In June 2022, Chamber’s planning application to install 86 solar panels on three of Chambers’ office buildings was approved. Doughty Street Chambers continues to exemplify and demonstrate the many benefits - which includes multiple costs savings for businesses - by moving towards greener, more sustainable practices.

advocate



Hemp & Hemp Wigs

“What has been particularly impactful is the conversation and awareness that Hemp & Hemp Wigs has created.”

HEMP & HEMP

Samuel March is a junior barrister at 9KBW, although he is better known as the inventor of plant-based hemp wigs for vegan barristers. He created Hemp & Hemp and has committed to donating all profits from sales to causes that use the law to further animal protection. Hemp & Hemp's purpose is to facilitate barristers becoming or being vegan by raising awareness and breaking down barriers to access.

The main option for vegan wigs were synthetic and had to be imported from jurisdictions as far away as Australia. Since Hemp & Hemp's launch, other UK providers have followed suit in offering plant-based alternatives. Research shows synthetic materials, such as polyester, are among the most energy intensive materials, whereas hemp is a less energy intensive fibre, and the overall best performer from an ecological footprint perspective.

The impact of promoting and facilitating veganism is significant because going vegan is “probably the single biggest way to reduce your impact on planet Earth, not just greenhouse gases, but global acidification, eutrophication, land and water use”, as stated by Oxford University's Joseph Poore, who led research into ‘reducing food's environmental impacts’.

Hemp & Hemp is a new, innovative sustainability initiative, led by a single junior barrister that demonstrates impact at three levels: reducing carbon emissions from individual wigs, promoting veganism which is itself a sustainability issue, and tearing down barriers to veganism at the Bar.

advocate



Lawyers for Nature

“They have brought to life an idea so powerful that we believe it has the power to transform business’ relationship with nature. The greatest reward will be seeing the business world acting in accordance with the as-yet unheard needs and wants of the natural world.”



Initially, Lawyers for Nature connected local nature protectors with barristers, solicitors, and law student volunteers. As the organisation has developed it now exists to give a voice to nature through systemic change.

Lawyers for Nature expanded to encompass advocating for a new relationship between the legal system and the natural world; primarily through the promotion of 'Rights of Nature', the idea that nature should have legal rights, personhood and, in many cases, self-ownership. The number of 'Rights of Nature' legal changes and campaigns is increasing dramatically around the world. Lawyers for Nature have become one of the leading campaigning voices for its enactment in the UK.

Lawyers for Nature have also been finding innovative ways to bring 'Rights of Nature' into our legal, political and economic systems. They worked with a leading nature cosmetics company, *Faith In Nature*, to carry out a world-first of putting nature onto their board of directors. They have also worked with community river protection groups around the country to draft the rights they believe their rivers should have, make a declaration of those rights and then provide them with legal, campaigning and practical skills to uphold those rights.

Lawyers for Nature fundamentally believes that true sustainability will only come by fundamentally changing the relationship between human beings and nature and that the law has a vital role to play in this.

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Deans Court Chambers

“We would not be able to operate our service without the support of barristers and clerks like those at Deans Court Chambers.”



DEANS COURT
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Deans Court Chambers have taken on an impressive thirteen pieces of pro bono work this year alone. Many of their members took part in #25for25: The Pro Bono Challenge, making them the only set on the Northern Circuit that had a trio of individuals who completed the 25-hour challenge.

Deans Court’s commitment to pro bono goes further than taking on cases. In May 2022, they organised and hosted an event for Advocate and the Northern Circuit which focused on discussing pro bono and how it can develop your career. They are also currently working with Alexandra Andrei, President of the Manchester Pro Bono Society, at the University of Manchester, on a future event on the benefits of pro bono for career development among junior barristers and those considering a career in the legal profession.

Deans Court are in the process of actioning a plan, alongside their team of clerks, where any future members and pupils are actively encouraged to sign up to Advocate to gain valuable experience in their career development. Matthew Gibbons of Deans Court, and the Northern Circuit representative for the IBC, is assisting in the development of a new educational programme for clerks all around the country, which includes the benefits of developing pro bono work in all Chambers nationwide. Michael Hayton KC, Head of Deans Court, recently joined Advocate’s Board of Trustees. Michael is a strong believer in Advocate’s work and is keen to promote pro bono within Deans Court and beyond.

advocate



Serjeants' Inn Chambers

“They have demonstrated an impressive commitment to pro bono, consistently taking on pieces of work to support individuals who would otherwise be facing their legal challenges alone.”



The commitment and achievement of the barristers and staff to pro bono work at Serjeants' Inn Chambers is evidenced by the variety and importance of cases that they have handled over the last year, at all levels of seniority.

Olivia Kirkbride acted in the Court of Appeal, representing the children of P, who was in a minimally conscious state, the *“most complex covid patient in the world”*. Olivia prepared all the documents and bundles and worked with solicitors, also acting pro bono, to bring an experienced silk on board. Aaron Rathmell won an ECHR case affirming free speech rights for journalists and bloggers. Mark Harries KC represented Claire Mathews in the landmark SRA proceedings which *“put the spotlight on mental health in the UK profession.”*

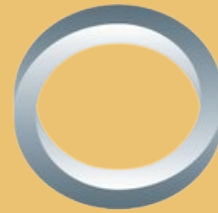
Serjeants' Inn have also worked on cases which may not generate headlines but which nonetheless represent a significant commitment to access to justice on the part of their barristers. See for example, Hannah Hinton's ongoing work defending a doctor, on which she has to date spent 100 hours. See also the estimate of 160 hours which Rachael Gourley has spent on six different pro bono cases in the last year. Seven barristers have completed Advocate's #25for25: The Pro Bono Challenge this year, including Chambers' Advocate Pro Bono Champion, Katie Gollop KC, who is imaginative and energetic in her work, both in promoting pro bono work and supporting colleagues who undertake it.

advocate



One Essex Court

“The generosity of time and spirit of the pro bono barristers, with the support of the clerks, has allowed us to bring our members’ cases to justice.”



ONE ESSEX COURT

One Essex Court supported the Independent Workers' Union of Great Britain (IWGB) on a pro bono basis. After many failed attempts to find pro bono barristers who could support their private hire members at the Magistrate Court, One Essex Court agreed to provide this vital service without reservation.

One Essex Court’s pro bono work in this regard has been a turning point for the members of the union and private hire drivers in this country. They worked tirelessly with the union to implement a referral system for cases which were then taken on by brilliant barristers with ample experience in public and administrative law.

They went above and beyond to ensure they provided the best defence they could. They supported the legal department in drafting the relevant documents and they fully committed to the cases, displaying excellent advocacy skills and rigorous knowledge of the relevant law.

Their involvement in these cases has had a huge impact for underrepresented communities, and for the overall vision of the union. Members of the Union have left the court room crying after obtaining a dismissal of the revocation of their licence due to the work done by One Essex Court barristers. For those drivers who are used to being mistreated daily, having someone fighting next to them, not only allows them to seek justice but empowers them and reminds them they are not alone.

advocate



Gatehouse Chambers

“The incredible commitment to access to justice is evident in the culture and practice of Gatehouse and deserves to be acknowledged.”



GATEHOUSE
CHAMBERS

Gatehouse was the most active Chambers regarding Advocate’s anniversary initiative #25for25: The Pro Bono Challenge, with 20 members completing almost 1,000 hours of pro bono cumulatively. The support and enthusiasm from Pro Bono Champion Catherine Piercy were integral in generating such engagement from the entire Chambers.

What really sets Gatehouse Chambers apart is the many people at all levels and within every facet of the organisation who give time to diverse, wide-ranging causes in the pursuit of access to justice. Heads of Chambers and CEO lead these efforts by example, but it is importantly carried through by many colleagues. Barristers are encouraged to undertake pro bono work from an early stage in their careers. In fact it is a standard agenda item in all practice review meetings.

Gatehouse barristers provide pro bono advice and advocacy through Advocate, and also numerous other schemes: ELAAS, CLIPS, COIN, EAT mentoring scheme, FRU, Taylor Wessing Pro Bono Scheme, volunteering at CLCC, Court 10 and through the Court 37 pro bono scheme.

In May and June 2022, barristers from Gatehouse volunteered 5 days to the CLIPS scheme. They also volunteer as case reviewers for Advocate and have come forward as mentors for less experienced colleagues including those in other chambers. Reviewer commitment is considerable and truly enables Advocate to help as many people as possible.

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Kings Chambers

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Jack Brown

Outer Temple Chambers



“Jack has taken it upon himself to scan the various requests for pro bono assistance that come via Advocate and others ...his strategy is effective: he’s good at finding “win/wins” where the pro bono instruction benefits everyone.”

Jack joined Outer Temple Chambers as a Junior Clerk in 2018, working alongside the health and business teams. He has a keen interest in CSR and Equality & Diversity initiatives, having joined the Equality & Diversity committee in 2021 and taking on the role of Advocate Pro Bono Champion within chambers, encouraging young barristers in particular to add more volunteer work to their portfolios.

Jack works closely with caseworkers at Advocate to help ensure their applicants receive access to justice that they would otherwise not be able to afford. He has a strong rapport with the team and gives them the confidence that he will do his best for those they help.

He actively monitors Advocate’s case listings. He goes out of his way to help triage the case and identify suitable barristers, using his knowledge of the skills, desires and suitability of those in Chambers. He takes an active role in the liaison between counsel and applicant, a proactive approach which has a positive impact for the applicant seeking access to justice and barristers developing their practice, whilst playing a key part in the pro bono community.

For someone so early in his career as a Clerk, his passion and approach to pro bono work is commendable and widely acknowledged by his Chambers and its many Members.

advocate



Jamie Tucker

12 King's Bench Walk



“We are incredibly grateful that Jamie has been so willing to make supporting pro bono work an important part of his career. He has truly set the standard.”

Jamie is a Senior Practice Manager at 12KBW, where he has played a huge role in promoting Chambers pro bono work with both staff and barristers. He was an Advocate Pro Bono Champion at his former chambers and within only a few months of being at 12KBW, he reached out to Advocate about becoming a Pro Bono Champion at his new chambers. Pro Bono Champions play an important role in encouraging pro bono in Chambers.

Since then, Jamie has promoted pro bono amongst both staff and barristers at 12KBW, successfully obtaining representation for individuals in numerous practice areas. As of August 2022, ten members of chambers had taken on twelve pieces of work with Advocate, an increase on the same period in 2021.

By promoting pro bono work in chambers, Jamie has had a positive impact on claimant access to justice. 12KBW barristers Catherine Peck, Jeremy McKeown, Tim Goodwin, and Martina Murphy achieved positive results for their clients aided by Jamie's relationship with Advocate, his promotion of pro bono work, and excellent clerking.

Jamie has also promoted pro bono amongst the clerking team at 12KBW by involving Lily Baker, an assistant practice manager, in the process of checking suitable pro bono cases for members to take on through weekly one-to-one meetings. This has ensured Jamie's knowledge and passion for pro bono work is shared amongst the clerking team.

advocate



Mark Ronson

Kings Chambers



“Mark’s assistance in encouraging pro bono has been invaluable, he has assisted us in being able to, not only, have a wider network of barristers across the country but has increased our reviewer numbers so that we can meet deadlines more efficiently and quickly.”

Mark is a Senior Clerk at Kings Chambers and has been a Pro Bono Champion for Advocate since 2019. He acts as the point of liaison with Advocate caseworkers and regularly engages with them to find suitable barristers to assist with cases, especially when urgent. Mark regularly attends meetings with Advocate and encourages caseworkers to contact him directly on any occasion that they need to find counsel.

Mark predominantly clerks the barristers at Kings Chambers specialising in planning law. However, he has extended his coverage as a clerk to all members of Chambers in respect to pro bono work. To do this, Mark frequently engages with barristers he does not otherwise work with in trying to get as many people as possible within Chambers to do pro bono.

Mark encourages Chambers to work with Advocate and, through this, he has facilitated a second Advocate Pro Bono Champion in Chambers, Ruth Stockley. Similarly, Mark’s involvement has helped facilitate some senior members of Chambers, such as Andrew Singer KC, Deputy Head of Chambers, to become reviewers for Advocate. Mark has also implemented a system in chambers to ensure that second six pupils sign up to Advocate to undertake cases whilst they are in pupillage. Members of Chambers have commented that they have taken on a number of cases, that they would have otherwise not considered, were it not for Mark identifying their suitability and suggesting that they take it on. Ultimately, Mark’s proactivity has resulted in chambers doing more pro bono cases than ever before.

advocate



Tom O'Connor

Serjeants' Inn Chambers



“Whenever I call Tom, day or night, trying to place cases he is 99.9% always able to help us find a volunteer. Tom does all of this with such care and kindness, we could not do what we do without him.”

Tom O'Connor's approach plays a crucial part in driving a pro bono ethos in Chambers which supports and steers clients through what sadly is often the crisis of their lives. Tom's conviction and commitment to helping vulnerable people shapes everything he does and inspires those within his Chambers.

Tom and his team have clerked many pro bono cases this year, including a High Court case in which a hospital trust sought declarations that it was lawful and in the best interests of a nineteen-month-old child, who sustained a profound neurological injury at birth, for ceilings of care to be imposed. Three Serjeants' Inn barristers, Emma Sutton, Neil Davy and Susanna Rickard, were instructed pro bono.

The judge noted in his judgment that: *“...parents such as these have little option but to rely upon the goodwill, availability, and dedication of members of the Bar acting for free”*.

It will be no surprise that the *“availability”* of counsel for this, and other pro bono cases, is in no small part down to Tom. It is a significant clerking challenge to find three counsel to act in a case at such short notice. Tom's determination to use *“the ability to do great things given the great team of barristers we have got”* also informs the *“goodwill”* and *“dedication”* of Serjeants' Inn members to undertake pro bono work, many of whom he as clerked since pupillage in his 24 years at Chambers.

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Junior Pro Bono Barrister of the Year

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Abigail Bright

Doughty Street Chambers



“She is highly respected by other lawyers for her pro bono work... her enthusiasm for pro bono work is a constant incentive to others to give of their time”

Abigail specialises in special jurisdiction and frequently appears before juries at inquests. She commits to spending 250 hours annually to pro bono and encourages the barristers she mentors to commit minimum hours too.

Abigail has undertaken a lot of pro bono work for bereaved families whose loved one's deaths are subject to Coroners' Inquests. This work is always complex, emotionally charged, and unpaid.

In February of this year, Abigail represented Paul Cleeland, who was convicted of murder in 1971, in his claim brought in judicial review of the Criminal Cases Review Commission. She compiled indexes of witness statements, and the bundle for the Court of Appeal, Civil Division. The court's preliminary ruling established an important point of jurisdiction concerning claims in judicial review brought against decisions of the CCRC.

This ruling has considerable implications for judicial reviews of equivalent powers in other jurisdictions. If, as expected, this decision is followed in those other jurisdictions then the appellate rights of those refused a reference back to the court will be extended considerably in those overseas jurisdictions too.

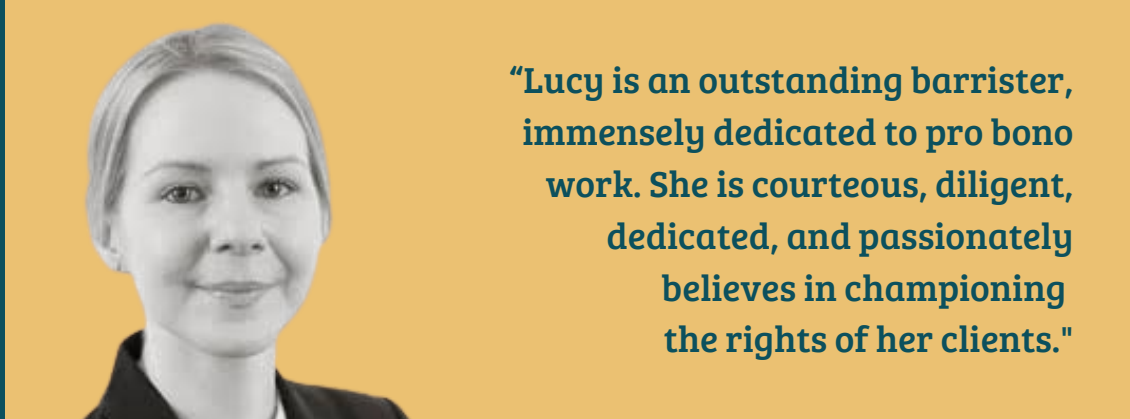
Abigail is described as a role model among her peers in chambers. She instils in others the priority that vulnerable people and minority groups are represented and advises about issues of which many have no idea before embarking on litigation.

advocate



Lucy Limbrey

4 King's Bench Walk



"Lucy is an outstanding barrister, immensely dedicated to pro bono work. She is courteous, diligent, dedicated, and passionately believes in championing the rights of her clients."

Lucy has made a significant contribution to the pro bono work of Advocate across the past year by assisting in family law matters and obtaining consistently positive outcomes for her efforts.

In *Re B (A Child) (Adequacy of Reasons)* [2022] EWCA Civ 407, Lucy represented a vulnerable care-leaver whose three eldest children had been removed from his care. He sought to retain care of his youngest son on the basis that he had made and sustained changes to his lifestyle. The appeal was allowed and the care and placement orders made by the trial judge were set aside.

In *Re B (A Child) (Unreported)*, Lucy represented a mother whose child had been removed from her care following adverse findings and a negative psychiatric report. Contact was limited to monthly written communication and a barring order made. The judge determined the original judgement made was unassailable on matters of contact but accepted the barring order to be disproportionate, and this was halved in duration.

In *Re S*, Lucy represented a father whose contact with his two children had been suspended 11 months prior following his arrest for possession of child pornography and bestiality. There was however no evidence the father had engaged in contact offences and Lucy persuaded the judge that contact should be reinstated by way of supervised video calls.

advocate



Josef Cannon

Cornerstone Barristers



“The time Josef and his team devoted to preparing and fighting this case was immense, including weekends and late into the night, and we will be eternally grateful for that.”

Josef has demonstrated a significant commitment to pro bono over the past year whilst working on a two-week planning inquiry on behalf of Ulnes Walton Action Group.

Josef spent significant time with individuals from the community who came forward to highlight concerns which he worked into the Action Group’s case. Taking on the Ministry of Justice’s legal team, Josef identified and secured funding for the instruction of a planner and began work with her to prepare the Action Group’s planning evidence. He guided junior team members as to the preparation of evidence which was later relied upon by the Local Planning Authority.

In this case, Josef gave a substantial time and personal commitment. Between the enquiry itself and the preparation beforehand, it is estimated that Josef contributed upwards of 120 hours to the inquiry at a value of upwards of £50,000. The Action Group would not have been able to afford to properly participate in the inquiry without Josef’s pro bono assistance.

At the beginning of the inquiry, prospects of success looked bleak. With Josef’s assistance in preparing high quality evidence, at the end of the inquiry the prospects of success now look reasonable.

advocate



Catherine Meredith

Doughty Street Chambers



“Catherine worked tirelessly on their cases for months, before any funding was available, exploring all potential avenues to help bring these individuals and their families to safety.”

Catherine is a human rights, anti-trafficking and refugee specialist. She has been involved in significant pro bono work relating to prominent immigration issues across the past year.

Through Advocate, she took on the cases of eight Afghan BBC journalists seeking urgent relocation to the UK under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (“ARAP”). Catherine created a litigation, media and parliamentary campaign strategy and worked on pre-action correspondence and judicial review against the Government. The case settled and the Government issued an apology and conducted a “lessons learned” review.

Catherine provided substantial legal and strategic advice regarding Modern Slavery and Trafficking under the Nationality and Borders legislation, including extensive support to a coalition of anti-trafficking groups and written evidence to the Select Committee.

She also represented the UN Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons in relation to the processing of victims of trafficking under the Memorandum of Understanding with regards to removals to Rwanda. Catherine provided unique expertise to other lawyers regarding the process of obtaining a Rule 39 “injunction” to stop the first flight to Rwanda.

advocate



Emma Daykin

One Pump Court



“Emma’s expertise has been matched by personal dedication, problem-solving mentality, clarity of thought, and clear drive to seek justice.”

Emma has devoted significant time and energy to her pro bono work for vulnerable clients throughout the year and has achieved life-changing results for people in the most challenging of circumstances. This can be seen in much of her work including:

- Assisting Afghan interpreters, judges and other high-risk Taliban targets through detailed representations to the Home Office and often urgent or expedited Judicial Reviews. Some of her work in this area has directly resulted in at-risk people and their families being extracted from Afghanistan and/or reunited with relatives in the UK.
- Representing a client whose wife was stranded in Afghanistan in the late stages of pregnancy with twins and caring for their young son after being unable to evacuate. Ultimately, his wife and child were able to leave but were forced to leave the twins behind with relatives. Emma’s work to obtain their travel documents meant that three months later, they were able to get the twins safely to the UK.

Emma is described as displaying not only legal excellence but also having immense ‘warmth, compassion and willingness to go above and beyond’. Her work has been described as ‘transformative’ for those she has helped.

advocate



Sarah Pinder

Goldsmith Chambers



“We were threatened by the Taliban several times, every few days we had to change our home. Sarah advised us on how to deal with the situation. She saved our lives.”

Sarah is the Joint-Head of Goldsmith Chambers' Immigration and Public Law team. In the last year, she has continued to dedicate significant time to pro bono work including the following:

- Assisting several Afghan interpreters in relocation to the UK as a result of their service as locally employed staff, primarily as patrol interpreters to UK Armed Forces. One of these interpreters was homeless and suffering with significant physical and mental health difficulties.
- Providing training on the Afghan resettlement schemes and other routes that may be available to those seeking family reunion with Afghan citizen relatives.
- Leading work to ensure the relocation of Chevening alumni and family members of current Chevening scholars who remain in Afghanistan.
- Providing an opinion on the potential legal impact of the Nationality and Borders Bill based on individual survivor case studies.

Sarah also encourages team members to undertake pro bono work as part of organised activities through organisations such as BiD and Advocate, as well as on individual cases, acting as a strong role model and helping to encourage a culture of pro bono within chambers.

advocate



Marika Lemos

Devereux Chambers



“Marika has dedicated herself to pro bono work throughout her career. She has not only helped individual taxpayers in pro bono cases but has also been responsible for changing the legal landscape for pro bono work in UK tax.”

Marika is a barrister specialising in tax law. For the past three years she has been assisting with cases and appearing before tax tribunals pro bono. As secretary to the Revenue Bar Association ("RBA"), she has been processing pro bono requests from tribunals and coordinating volunteers for those seeking assistance.

As an officer of the RBA, Marika regularly meets with HMRC to identify cases where volunteer representation is appropriate. HMRC considers this to be incredibly important and effective work and many instances of assistance have been successfully resolved this way without going to court.

In one recent and notable case, Marika acted for the taxpayer in the Upper Tribunal in a case that has affected thousands of individuals with discovery assessments by HMRC in respect of the controversial High-Income Child Benefit Charge ("HICBC"). The Upper Tribunal held that HMRC did not have the power to issue the assessments. HMRC have appealed the decision and Marika will again represent the taxpayer in the Court of Appeal later this year.

The RBA considers it a fantastic achievement that pro bono cost orders have now been extended to the tax tribunals. This has been in large part due to Marika's efforts in persistently making the case that pro bono work in the tax tribunals can have an even greater impact on the pro bono landscape.

advocate



Joanne Brown & Joanne Porter

4PB



“To do all of this for a vulnerable client pro bono shows a depth of commitment to their client, but also to the interests of justice more widely. The trial simply would not have functioned had they not provided this representation.”

Joanne and Joanne appeared pro bono in a case where a severely disabled child had been poisoned with 6-7 teaspoons of salt, causing irreversible brain damage. Their client had been employed to take care of the child and was a potential suspect. With Polish as her first language, she was also facing language barriers that may have limited her ability to participate in the complex hearing.

Joanne and Joanne joined the case late and faced significant preparatory work including forensic analysis of medical evidence. The papers were over 30,000 pages and there were five medical experts instructed. They did not hesitate to help when an additional vast tranche of disclosure appeared mid-trial by each reviewing thousands of pages to see if they contained anything of relevance. The four-week hearing also involved significant travel and accommodation costs Joanne and Joanne as well as their client, part of whose travel costs were funded by Joanne Brown, who additionally funded an interpreter for 2/3 of the conferences they had with the client ahead of the case starting.

The standard of their written and oral advocacy was described as exceptional and their client was fully exonerated, with the high quality of her care for the child acknowledged by the judge. The judge also gave a post-script to her judgment commending Joanne and Joanne for their extraordinary work in this case.

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Victoria Butler-Cole KC

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“Your involvement was like a breath of fresh air. Knowing that you are always there for me, not only with legal advice, but also with compassion and an amazing understanding of my son's complex needs.”



Victoria lends her vast experience in the Court of Protection to family members who cannot afford legal representation and are not entitled to legal aid. She offers advice through Advocate, and through direct access pro bono instruction in this very specialist area, where family members are often facing highly emotional and difficult issues, and where the court's decisions have huge implications for their lives and those of their relatives. Victoria is also an active member of the Access Social Care pro bono panel.

As well as providing direct assistance herself, Victoria helps to find colleagues to act pro bono for unrepresented parties in cases in which she is instructed, such as this case which concerned withdrawal of ventilation from a child, neither of whose parents could afford lawyers.

In June 2021 she prepared written submissions at very short notice for a mother who was trying to get her disabled daughter returned to her care. The Open Justice blog of this case reports the mother telling the author that *“Victoria phoned me on a Friday evening and worked on my submission on the Saturday and Sunday...It was absolutely more than wonderful and something I will remember to the end of my life.”*

Victoria is committed to helping lay people understand and have meaningful access to the Court of Protection. She first wrote a lay guide to the Court of Protection in 2013, and updated it recently with the help of the Official Solicitor and an independent mental capacity advocate.

advocate



Cecily Crampin

Falcon Chambers

“In busy sets of Chambers like ours, it is easy to let slip the opportunities to help others. Cecily will have none of this... She is one of the most unselfish people I know, and sets an example which others follow.”



Cecily is a member of the PBA committee and is the first barrister member of the National Association of Receivers and Administrators (NARA). She often speaks at conferences and seminars, including the PBA conference which in 2021, she helped to organise. She has also delivered training for LawWorks and has been a reviewer for Advocate since 2019.

In Chambers, Cecily helps mentor pupils and has recently mentored Pupil Taylor Briggs on a complicated mortgage related case. This has not only helped Taylor and the client but she has also encouraged Taylor to think about pro bono early on in her career.

Cecily liaises with our marketing executive, Candi Percival, about promoting pro bono cases via our social media networks and website. She also liaises with Candi on looking for volunteers in Chambers during Volunteers' Week and encourages more pro bono in Chambers. Cecily has also introduced members of the clerking team to Advocate. This is to enable a more efficient service within Chambers and hopefully introduce a higher uptake of pro bono cases.

In August 2021, Cecily set up a meeting with Judge Martin Rodger and Advocate on how best to improve signposting to Advocate for unrepresented parties attending the Upper Tribunal. This led to a wider discussion of the inclusion of Advocate contact information in orders granting permission to appeal or giving case management directions.

advocate



Simon Rowbotham

7BR

“Simon has been exceptional; his quality of work has been mind-blowing, the amount of time and dedication he has spent on helping me has left me lost in admiration.”



Over the past year, as well as being Chambers' Advocate Pro Bono Champion, Simon has undertaken a significant amount of pro bono work himself, largely focused on a case for Advocate representing a father ("F") in private family law proceedings. He has also undertaken a number of direct access cases on a pro bono basis, representing a terminally-ill father who wished to see his son one last time.

Simon has been advising F since February 2021. To date, he has dedicated considerable time and expertise in representing F at five directions hearings, a three-day Finding of Fact Hearing and the hearing for judgment, in total nine days of court time. In addition, Simon has drafted two detailed witness statements, five position statements and a schedule of allegations, as well as advising F in four conferences. In the last 12 months alone, this has totalled over 62 hours of pro bono work.

The sheer number of hours committed is testament to that fact, as is the progress that has been made in F's case, with the outcome of the Finding of Fact Hearing being a particular achievement. We believe this level of dedication to the pro bono ethic goes above and beyond what might be expected of a junior barrister undertaking pro bono work. Simon remains committed to seeing F's case through to conclusion.

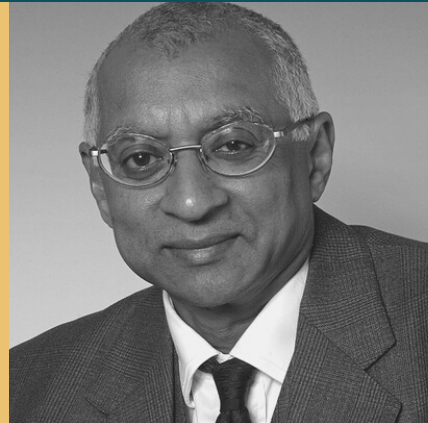
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Ramby de Mello

No5 Barristers' Chambers

“Ramby de Mello has fought tirelessly for our refugee group. The time he has given pro bono, his commitment to the cause, and to justice, is inspirational.”



Ramby De Mello is a member of No5 Barristers' Chambers. Called in 1983, he has been dedicated to pro bono work during a distinguished career and has now picked up several cases for Advocate's Project Afghanistan.

He started life working for the Birmingham Citizen's Advice Bureau as a volunteer and then worked in their legal department for some years and has volunteered at many Law Centres in the West Midlands and elsewhere.

Ramby has assisted individuals (i) to appeal decisions in the social security tribunals and in the immigration tribunals, (ii) in submitting applications on their behalf to the Strasbourg court against decisions taken against them by public authorities, (iii) bringing discrimination claims both before the employment tribunals and county court.

Ramby possesses vast experience in human rights law, EU law, discrimination and mental health law and public law, where he works exclusively for individuals. Ramby uses his experience to help those individuals who cannot afford to fight their cases in court and where they deserve legal assistance. He has also assisted groups and organisations to lobby Parliament to change social legislation.

advocate



Julie Okine

Goldsmith Chambers

“I cannot stress enough what a joy it is to work with Julie. Her commitment to pro bono is unparalleled.”



Julie Okine of Goldsmith Chambers joined Advocate as a panel member in June 2006, and later as a reviewer. Reviewers are volunteer barristers who perform a vital function; they assess whether a case merits pro bono assistance whilst also guiding the casework team on points of law to lead on when searching for a barrister.

Julie is a joy to work with. Communication is key to being a good reviewer and Julie will offer specific timeframes, for example a Tuesday afternoon after court, when she is available to review cases.

Julie goes above and beyond and is amongst the first to volunteer to requests for help from the Advocate team to cover gaps in the rota or to cover urgent cases.

Recently, as an example of her commitment, Julie kindly agreed to take a phone call with a new reviewer to answer any questions that they may have, sharing her expansive knowledge and experience of reviewing. In her role as a reviewer, Julie has successfully taken part in #25for25: The Pro Bono Challenge. This is an initiative run by Advocate to encourage barristers to complete 25 hours of pro bono through Advocate or any other pro bono scheme, for our 25th anniversary. Julie practices from Chambers with a reputation for a commitment to pro bono work and she is a great motivating force within her own Chambers, encouraging others to take on pro bono work too.

advocate



Joshua Griffin

Gatehouse Chambers

“I am so pleased and cannot thank you enough for all your pro bono work. Without your assistance, I would not have been able to achieve anything at all.”



Joshua has undertaken pro bono work since pupillage and has increased his commitment year on year, not only in relation to the number of cases in which he acts, but also increasing his time commitment as he takes on increasingly complex matters.

This year Joshua has appeared unled in the Court of Appeal on a pro bono matter, completed many hours on cases through Advocate, as well as volunteering for CLIPS. He was the first member of his Chambers to complete #25for25: The Pro Bono Challenge for Advocate, completing 60 hours of pro bono work between June and November 2021.

Joshua has been a supporter of Advocate ever since joining the Bar and is worthy of recognition as a role model to others in showing how pro bono forms part of a busy and successful practice. He does not simply demonstrate a commitment to pro bono work himself, but what sets him apart is that he is also very active in encouraging other barristers to take on pro bono work. By way of example only, Joshua spoke at a joint Property Bar Association (PBA) and Advocate session on pro bono and career development in June 2021.

In addition to all the above, Joshua has a consistent history of commitment to pro bono work. He volunteered with Citizens Advice from 2013 to 2016. He also assisted in drafting Lasting Powers of Attorney for the Alzheimer's Society.

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#25for25: The Pro Bono Challenge

- 356 people from 126 chambers participated
- 15,434 hours of pro bono recorded
- 52 KCs completed the Challenge
- Barristers from all circuits participated

Thank you to all the barristers that took part. We have been truly astounded and moved by the continued commitment to access to justice at the Bar, especially during increasingly difficult times.

Thank you and well done to all of you listed below.

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