
Advocate Monthly Top Ten!

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As the numbers applying to us for legal assistance continues to increase, please remember this chance you have to help people in need get access to justice, and to **#DonateToAdvocate** when you renew your practising certificate.

We understand that some sections of the Bar are struggling, but we encourage those who can afford it to donate because it makes up almost half of our funding. Without it, we simply would not exist. We were created by the Bar, and we are sustained by the Bar.

Your support has real impact. One of our applicants told us:
“I feel like a weight has been lifted from me now as I have been struggling mentally and was on the verge of giving it all up! I am now feeling a lot better in myself and optimistic that I may get some justice.”

Thank you.

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From Counsel Magazine: Pro bono and the path to silk

In 2020, the Queen's Counsel Selection Panel specified that pro bono cases can be used to support applications for silk. Several QCs describe how pro bono formed part of their application.

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Honouring Advocate's outgoing trustees

Our Chair, Sir Robin Knowles CBE's expresses his thanks to Philip Brook Smith QC, Andrew Hillier QC and Nick Hanning for their outstanding contribution during their time on Advocate's trustee board.

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Why one family fought to overturn a Coroner's verdict: Karl's story

When Emma Fraser fell from a window and the Coroner ruled it a drug-related death, her uncle and mother knew this wasn't true. So they fought to have the verdict overturned and restore dignity to the family name. Our thanks to Rory Brown from 9 Stone Buildings and Harriet Wakeman from Temple Garden Chambers who were willing to take the case on a pro bono basis.



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Barrister Profile: Anthony Metzer QC

Anthony Metzer QC won the 2021 Pro Bono QC of the Year award for the second time. Not only does he encourage a culture of pro bono as Head of Goldsmith Chambers, he finds time to dedicate himself to it as well.

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Our Volunteer Barrister Success Stories

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Alexander Polley

One Essex Court

Alexander has been working on a case since 2021. The case was recently resolved with a substantial payment in the applicant's favour.

They wrote to say that Alexander had been an "unbelievable support" and said "I could not have done this in my current financial position and am extremely grateful in the service and dedication to my claim that was given."

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Hannah Hinton

Serjeants' Inn

Hannah has just recently accepted a hearing lasting seven days. This is a truly exceptional commitment to access to justice and way beyond what we normally expect. Hannah has been supporting the applicant since last year, and the applicant has written to say: "I cannot simply put it in words, how grateful I am to Ms Hinton for her time and help with my tribunal.

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Julie Okine

Goldsmith Chambers

Julie is a longstanding volunteer, having been a reviewer for many years.

Julie is not only a phenomenal support to the casework team with her thorough reviews, but she also regularly assists in helping to place cases.

With thanks to Julie, Jamila Hassan recently stepped forward to assist on a very urgent family case. We are very grateful to them both.

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25 for 25: The Pro Bono Challenge

There is still time between now and June to complete your 25 hours for Advocate's 25th year. All pro bono work, and not just work with Advocate, can count towards your 25 hours. If you have given 25 hours of pro bono work in any capacity since June last year, [please let us know via this form](#) so that we can send you a pro bono logo for your email signature or Chambers website. This enables us to celebrate the Bar's outstanding contribution to access to justice.

With particular thanks to the 72 barristers who have already given at least 25 hours to pro bono work since June last year. We have listed them all on our website, and you can see them [here](#).

