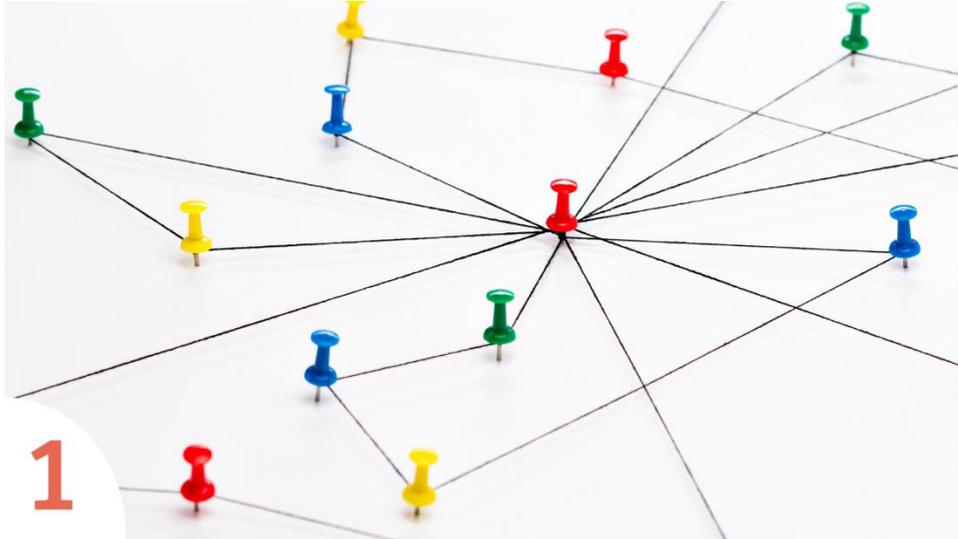


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# Advocate Monthly Top Ten!



## September Spotlight on Schemes!

Welcome back to the Advocate Top Ten Newsletter.

As we start to look forward to the new legal year, we are taking September to spotlight the different schemes offered at the Bar, and to showcase the different ways the Bar offers pro bono assistance to the most vulnerable.

Highlighted in this newsletter are CLIPS, ELAAS, ELIPs and Pro Bono Connect. To find out more about our partner schemes, head to our [website](#).

We begin with Simon's story. Read about how Simon, a company director accused of breaching his duties and sued for £200,000, was helped by barristers and a number of different pro bono schemes along the way.

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### Employment Litigant in Person Support Scheme (ELIPS)

Allan Roberts, employment barrister with Guildhall Chambers in Bristol, discusses the highs and lows of volunteering for ELIPS and shares the real value of giving his time, exhorting all to get involved with Advocate's 25 for 25 Pro Bono Challenge! Read more of his inspiring story below

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### Collaborate - brand new mentoring scheme in 2021

100 senior barristers have generously offered their time and assistance to mentor junior barristers when they take on cases with Advocate. Junior barristers have told us how beneficial it has been to have someone confirm they are moving in the right direction with a case.

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### Advocate Statistics

<b>180</b> Live cases currently looking for assistance	<b>Top three areas of law so far this year:</b>  <b>Employment:</b> 17% <b>Chancery/Commercial:</b> 21% <b>Family:</b> 30%  
<b>191</b> Pieces of work placed since June	
<b>211</b> New Panel Members this year!	

### Spotlight on: CLIPS

Hear from Rahul Varma, barrister at Selbourne Chambers on what inspired him to become a volunteer for CLIPS. He says: "Volunteering for CLIPS requires a barrister to quickly marshal the papers, see the salient points, manage a lay client, and then deliver in court. The relevance of those skills to my own practice is clear."



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### Spotlight on: ELAAS

Advocate Reviewer, Tristan Jones from Blackstone Chambers discusses his work with ELAAS, saying: "I do quite a wide range of pro bono work. Most of it I do to make a difference to a person who cannot afford representation. Occasionally I have a more glamorous case where you get to make interesting submissions on the law. ELAAS cases strike a good balance. There is a huge demand for pro bono employment representation, and ELAAS is a great way of making a real difference while also sharpening your appellate advocacy skills."

## Our Volunteer Barrister Success Stories

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**Shárin Diegan**

Goldsmith Chambers

The team at Advocate speak of how Sharin has “saved the day” many times. Sharin is incredibly proactive in offering her time and support. She got in touch with Advocate to let us know that she had two days available and could assist with short cases and remote hearings or urgent family cases. At one recent hearing where the parties agreed an order so that proceedings concluded, the judge said they achieved such a positive outcome because they were so well advised.

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**Dermot Woolgar**

Crown Office Chambers

Dermot has recently given in excess of 123 hours to an Advocate case. However, it is not only for the amount of work he has done that we wish to commend Dermot. Recently when things got particularly difficult with the case, he was incredibly gracious and we therefore celebrate him for his commitment to access to justice. Dermot continues with his pro bono efforts and is taking part in the 25 for 25 Challenge. We are grateful for the time and expertise he has given.

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**Sunyana Sharma**

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Sunyana recently assisted on her first Advocate case, representing one of our applicants in a criminal case. The applicant wrote to us to say that: “Ms Sharma was extremely professional, supportive and helpful. We had a positive outcome at court and she worked on my case throughout her annual leave which I have nothing but respect and deepest thanks for...the service from beginning to end has been flawless. This has made a very stressful situation a lot less stressful.”

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**London Legal Walk - Monday 18th October.**

The London Legal Walk returns in the usual format of a 10k route through central London on Monday 18 October. Over 500 teams have registered so far! If your set has not done yet done so, we encourage you to head to their website and [sign up](#) to take part alongside many other law firms and chambers.

