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## Advocate Monthly Top Ten!

### #25for25: Pro Bono Challenge Heroes!



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## Thank You!

<sup>25 years</sup>  
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### Shout out to all #25for25 Completers!

Advocate's 25th anniversary initiative, #25for25: The Pro Bono Challenge finished at the end of Volunteers' Week. Over **380 barristers, from 127 different Chambers** across England and Wales, completed the challenge to celebrate Advocate's 25 years.

**In total you provided an incredible 15,000 hours of pro bono support.**

The 25 hours (or more!) of pro bono support each of our 380 barristers donated has had a remarkable impact on the lives of those who applied to Advocate for help. You really are #ProBonoHeroes.

[READ MORE HERE](#)



### Why we're running 10K to support access to justice - 10 July

It's not every day you commit to putting on your running shoes to run a 10K, but that is exactly what Holly James, Executive Assistant at Advocate, is doing in aid of raising money for Advocate, alongside other committed colleagues.

As Holly puts it herself...

*"I am running for Advocate to support our applicants. In my time working at the organisation, I have seen first-hand just how vulnerable many of the people accessing our service are. By running 10K, I get to use my love of running to raise vital funds for those facing the legal system alone."*

You can sponsor our runners here



### London Legal Walk - 28 June

We really enjoyed catching up with our access to justice friends at the London Legal Walk on Tuesday.

Thank you to everyone who took part. A record 12,000 walked to raise funds for free legal advice charities, including Advocate.

Hear from Shyam Popat, our Director of Casework & COO, on why we were walking...

*"The cost-of-living crisis has the power to inflict a fresh wave of economic pain on people already struggling to pay food and energy bills. Now more than ever is a time to support the advice sector."*

Watch our London Legal Walk reel

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### Advocate Statistics

189

Live cases currently looking for assistance

596

Pieces of work placed so far this year

161

New Panel Members in 2022

Summary of cases placed this year:

Employment:

15%

Chancery/Commercial:

21%

Family:

23%

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## Volunteers' Week — 1-7 June

Volunteers' Week is a chance to recognise the fantastic contribution volunteers make to our communities, including within the justice system. During an exceptionally difficult couple of years, Advocate volunteers, be they reviewers, panel members, casework volunteers, mentors, have all made, and continue to make, a world of difference in their communities.

Volunteers are key to everything we do here at Advocate. We simply could not operate without them. **Thank you to everyone who volunteers with us.**



Find out how you can VOLUNTEER



### Other ways to give back

Advocate are still looking for support from senior barristers (7 years call or above) to be Mentors.

This involves offering your expertise in the form of mentoring and to have an opportunity to practice leading other barristers. Register your interest [here](#).

Alternatively, we are looking for Pro Bono Champions, Advocate representatives in Chambers. If you are interested in helping to grow your Chambers' pro bono and social responsibility contribution we would love to hear from you.

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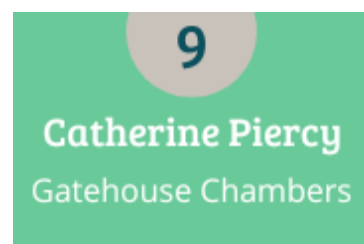
## Our Volunteer Barrister & Pupil Barrister Success Stories



Lily won a case for a vulnerable and elderly applicant who applied for



Zoe took on her first case with us this month. She is representing a mother who



Catherine recently took on the role of Pro Bono Champion in her

legal advice on an overpayment of housing benefits. Despite a multitude of uphill struggles, the casework team was able to contact the council to reconsider the overpayment charges and Lily represented the applicant in court. Thanks to Lily's hard work, the applicant can now afford the necessary medical treatment they need.

Thank you, Lily

hasn't seen her daughter in over a year, which has caused the mother's mental health to deteriorate rapidly. She successfully managed to convince the court to secure immediate telephone contact and supervised direct contact, starting three weeks from the hearing. A huge achievement!

Thank you, Zoe

chambers. She has been incredibly important in motivating members of her chambers to get involved in pro bono work and encouraging them to find pro bono opportunities that suit them. There has been a brilliant increase in both the number of members doing pro bono and the total number of hours taken on.

Thank you, Catherine



## Get your nominations in now for the 2022 Bar Pro Bono Awards

Join us to celebrate the incredible pro bono achievements of the Bar.

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

The cost-of-living crisis, funding cuts and other pressures on the legal system underline pro bono's vital contribution to maintaining the rule of law. Help us to recognise the difference made by our #AccesstoJustice champions and #ProBonoHeroes.

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

The awards are kindly sponsored by Lexis Nexis.

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