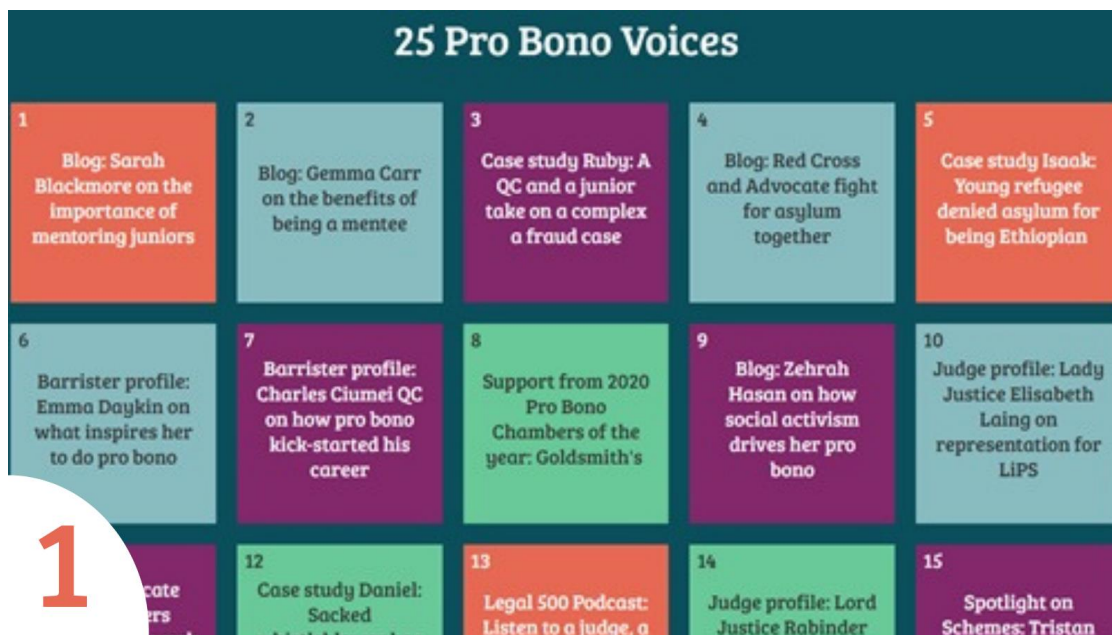

Advocate Monthly Top Ten!



During the whole of 2021, Advocate celebrated its 25th anniversary. We collected 25 voices to feature on a special page highlighting the work we do and celebrating our new initiatives, like [Collaborate](#), the [25 for 25 Pro Bono Challenge](#) and [Young Bar Advocate](#).

We've tried to include something of interest to everyone and represent various viewpoints. We have case studies covering diverse areas of law, blog posts from barristers involved in wide-ranging pro bono schemes and videos from senior members of the profession including the Lord Chief Justice, Chair of the Bar and a High Court Judge.

We encourage you to make a cup of tea and browse the variety of voices we've gathered to motivate and inspire you to take up or carry on with pro bono work. Our applicants rely on the goodwill of thousands of barristers and we cannot thank you enough for your dedication to us.

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Asylum seeker faced threat of deportation: Koffi's story

Even though Koffi had settled down with a British partner who sponsored his asylum application, the Home Office said they could continue their relationship back in Ivory Coast, from where Koffi had fled persecution. For six long years they fought to remain together, eventually proving that his partner's need to care for her adult son with severe mental health problems meant Koffi should be allowed to stay.

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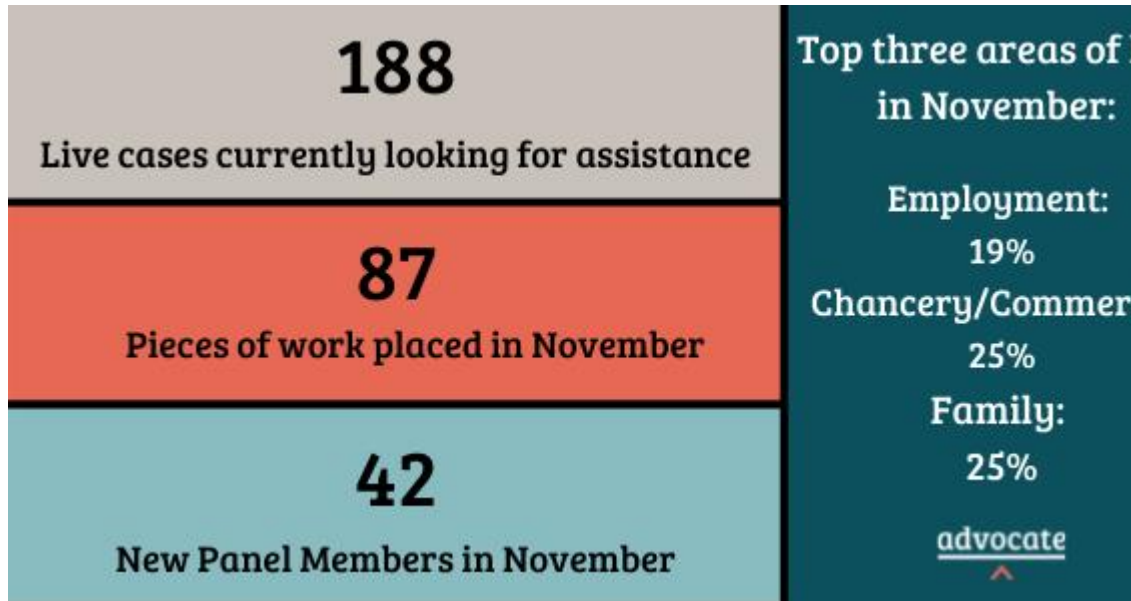
Volunteering opportunity with Lawyers Against Poverty

We've teamed up with Lawyers Against Poverty (LAP) to help find barristers interested in helping refugees. LAP need barristers to act as legal educators alongside local refugee rights organisations. Training and support is provided to deliver workshops on topics such as employment and education. We're still encouraging people to do 25 hours of pro bono for our 25th anniversary and it's a different way to get involved.

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Barrister profile: Sarah Abram

Sarah Abram from Brick Court won this year's Junior Pro Bono Barrister of the Year award for her willingness to travel abroad in the pandemic to represent an environmental NGO. She reviews and has taken on cases through Advocate and other organisations since the very start of her career. Here she reflects on some of her favourite cases and talks about why losing is just as important as winning.



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Blog: Aaron Rathmell on Pal vs UK

Aaron Rathmell from Serjeants' Inn picked up Dr Pal's case when all the domestic appeals had failed and decided to take it to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. With help from a QC who was experienced in taking cases to the ECtHR, Aaron won the case, with the Court declaring a violation of Article 10 in relation to the arrest and prosecution of Dr Pal, and awarding her damages.

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Our volunteer barrister success stories

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Claire Stevenson

9 King's Bench Walk

Claire (and her wonderful clerk Dave) assisted with only a few days' notice in a complex GMC case involving a previous

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Henry Tuffnell

1 Crown Office Row

Henry represented our applicant at a 7 day tribunal hearing. The applicant got in touch to say: "Mr Tuffnell's thorough preparation

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Angharad Monk

Garden Court Chambers

Angharad recently worked on a case representing our applicants in Norwich. The applicants got in touch to thank Angharad

conviction of manslaughter in Italy. Claire was able to secure a positive outcome for our applicant, something that would not have been possible had she not stepped in. The applicant was incredibly grateful, and this is a perfect demonstration of the impact that having such fantastic barristers, like Claire, acting pro bono can have.

has shone during the hearing... even though he only had a very short time to prepare. Throughout my trial period he was kind, patient, supportive, and always contacted me after the hearing to make sure I was still ok. I cannot thank him enough for the amazing work he has done and the support he gave me”.

for how she managed the case with great kindness, and that they were grateful that she had such a “personal touch” to her professionalism. They commented on her expertise and confidence in handling the case which resulted in a good outcome. This conclusion would not have been reached without Angharad’s wonderful assistance.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all at Advocate!

The Advocate team is once again blown away by the incredible contribution of our volunteer barristers for yet another year. A huge thank you to all those who have assisted with cases or have donated in support of access to justice. Wishing you all season’s greetings and a good end to this year. We look forward to working with you in 2022!