

# Advocate Monthly Top Ten!



Welcome to your new Advocate monthly Top Ten Newsletter! In this launch edition we bring you some highlights of Pro Bono Week and some of our favourite recent stories of pro bono heroes.

But first, we're still buzzing from the record number of nominations received for this year's Bar Pro Bono Awards. With over 120 participants taking part in the ceremony online and 60 watching the live YouTube stream, the Awards were a celebration of the phenomenal contribution of barristers who have found time to fight for access to justice under unprecedented circumstances.

Amanda Pinto QC commented that: "It has been a wonderful privilege to read about everyone's extraordinary pro bono work when judging the awards. Congratulations to all! Truly inspiring."

Read more for a summary of the awards ceremony, to find out who won and to read about all the inspiring nominations.

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Advocate is piloting a scheme to provide last-minute advice to unrepresented litigants in family cases unable to secure pro bono representation. Read more about the scheme in the Law Society Gazette.

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We loved meeting with our panel members and practice managers at our events this week. You can also read a summary of our lively discussion with the FLBA as part of Pro Bono Week 2020!

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### Meet our new trustees!

Advocate has recently appointed new trustees. We have put together a short news piece so you can get to know them, their passion for pro bono and what they intend bring to Advocate.

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## Pathways to Pro Bono

Exploring the different ways people can volunteer throughout their career, hear from an Advocate Casework Volunteer about her time working with us.

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## Our volunteer barrister success stories

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**Dale Timpson**  
5 Pump Court

Dale represented our Applicant in a Court of Appeal case. Thank you, Dale for your hard work and ensuring the Applicant did not have to go through the legal system alone.

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**Rebecca Sheldon**  
Old Square Tax Chambers

Rebecca gave her time and expertise to assist an applicant, with a very successful outcome. Thank you, Rebecca for your commitment to access to justice!

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**Jack Harrison**  
Deans Court Chambers

Jack worked on a Family Child case between April and October, with an amazing result. Thank you, Jack for giving your time to those who otherwise cannot afford legal representation.

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Andrew Hillier QC, Advocate Trustee, and 2019's recipient of the Lifetime Achievement in Pro Bono Award, wrote for Counsel Magazine in October about the Bar's response to COVID and the contribution that can be made by individual barristers. It is a worthwhile and inspiring read.

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The Advocate Top Ten Newsletter! We hope you have enjoyed your snapshot of Advocate's Top Ten things from October/November. Please look out for the newsletter in your inboxes every month and encourage others to keep up to date with Advocate news by signing up to receive it.

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