Information on Reviewing



Reviewing with Advocate

- Reviewers are an essential part of the Advocate team and fundamental in enabling people to get access to justice through Advocate.
- Reviewers assess for the rest of the bar all the cases that Advocate process and ensure that the right cases are put forward for pro bono assistance.
- Our reviewers safeguard people's incredibly valuable and limited time and confirm that we are allocating the deserving cases.
- Advocate reviewing has been useful on both silk and judicial applications
- Reviewers must be at least seven years call.

Time commitment

- The reviewing time commitment is approximately two hours a month.
- Reviewers are allocated a slot on a rota according to their availability.
- Reviewers receive no more than four cases on one occasion per month. We ask that they return cases within a week, by filling out a concise written review form.
- Reviewers receive all their rota slots well in advance and we are in touch again the week before to confirm availability.

Process and support

- Case papers are sent electronically via a Hyperlaw link
- You are supported by Lead reviewers who are also Advocate trustees.
- We never disclose the identity of our reviewers to the applicants.
- Our reviewers also become a close part of the Advocate team. We hold two reviewers' evenings each year, one in Spring and one in Autumn and it is a great opportunity to meet the other reviewers.

Registration and training

- To register please fill in <u>this form</u>.
- We will contact you with a series of online training resources, including a full set of reviewer guidelines.
- We will also put you in touch with a current reviewer to ask any specific questions.
- Please do get in touch if you have further questions