
Advocate Monthly Top Ten!



Quickfire questions with Derek Sweeting QC

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At the start of this new legal year, we spoke with Chair of the Bar, Derek Sweeting QC, who has been a great supporter of both Advocate and pro bono more widely. We asked him a series of quickfire questions about pro bono work, how it can positively influence a career and the role of the Bar in access to justice.

Here's what he told us.

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Bar Pro Bono Awards

We were delighted once again to receive a clutch of amazing nominations for the Bar Pro Bono Awards, to be held on 3rd November 2021. The in-person event will be by invitation, but the awards element will be live-streamed so you can get involved from the comfort of your own home. Sign up below for an online ticket and cheer on your friends.

[Register to attend](#)



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Carers reinstated: case study

When a couple who were both carers were wrongly accused of assault, it took them ten years and a case under the Data Protection Act to get their names re-instated to the local authority register. Christine Cooper, Field Court Chambers acted pro bono and successfully claimed rectification and damages for their personal data being unfairly used.

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Advocate Statistics



Become a trustee for Advocate!

We are looking for three new trustees to join our Board at a key stage in our development. In particular, we are looking for a member of the Bar, senior or junior. We are currently underrepresented from those with a practice centred outside the South East and those practising in social welfare law. Please contact Holly James hjames@weareadvocate.org.uk to find out more.



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Counsel: The rewards of pro bono

Advocate trustee and case reviewer Conall Patton QC recently wrote an article in Counsel magazine all about how pro bono not only improves advocacy skills, it also expands networks as well as legal horizons and can even smooth the path to Silk.

Our Volunteer Barrister Success Stories

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Camille Ibbotson

Old Square Chambers

Camille has regularly taken cases over the last two years. In one case that was successfully concluded, the applicant said: "The judgment in our favour was due to the tremendous efforts of Camille who was brilliant. She explained everything patiently and clearly to two novices and she was in command of the case from start to finish.

Camille was very generous with her time and expertise. We were

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David Carey

Clerksroom

After conclusion of David's first case with us, the applicant said: "Dr Carey has been a great help to me when I faced a GMC fitness to practice hearing. He has been available throughout the entire process giving advice when needed through several telephone calls and emails. He has given a significant amount of his time. He was also approachable and his caring attitude helped in providing moral support

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Andrea Watts

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Andrea is another of our wonderful panel members who has regularly assisted and taken a number of cases in the last few years. Recently she even acted for Advocate twice in three days! This amounts to an incredible amount of time given and will have made a huge difference to our applicants. Andrea is a family law barrister, an area of very high demand. The casework team all

aware how fortunate we were that someone like her did all this work pro bono.”

Thank you, Camille

as well as the practical legal help at the time when I felt stressed and lonely.”

Thank you, David

commented on what a help Andrea had been. We are incredibly grateful for her support.

Thank you, Andrea



Pro Bono Week: 1-5 November 2021

It is the 20th anniversary of Pro Bono Week this year. It will be both reflecting on the last two decades of pro bono activity and looking forward to what pro bono will look like over the next 20 years. Events will be held throughout the week!

www.probonoweek.org.uk

Why not use this week as a springboard to take on a piece of pro bono work? You could begin your [25 for 25 Pro Bono Challenge](#). Let us know if you're feeling inspired and share your pro bono story with us [here](#).