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## Advocate Monthly Top Ten!



At a fantastic ceremony in Gray's Inn 150 people gathered to celebrate the Bar's incredible dedication to pro bono at the Bar Pro Bono Awards 2021.

Live-streamed on YouTube, the ceremony included speeches from Advocate Chair, Sir Robin Knowles, founder and President Lord Goldsmith QC, the Solicitor General, Alex Chalk MP, Chair of the Young Barristers' Committee, Joanne Kane and the Leader of the North Eastern Circuit, Richard Wright QC, presenting a brand new award for pro bono excellence in memory of John Collins.

There are nine categories of award in total, with seven announced on the night and two at the Bar and Young Bar Conference on 20th November. Winners were chosen by an independent judging panel headed by Lord Goldsmith QC, and including the Chair of the Bar, Director of the Law Centres Network and the Secret Barrister.

To find out more about the nominees and winners, click below.

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### **An interview with the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales**

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Burnett of Maldon, sat down in Pro Bono Week 2021 and answered a series of questions ranging from why barristers should do pro bono, its impact on the administration of justice, what judges really think when litigants in person are represented in a hurry and whether he feels he did enough pro bono work in his own career.

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### **In conversation with Mrs Justice Maura McGowan, DBE**

To mark the 25th anniversary of Advocate, High Court Judge and Deputy Treasurer of Middle Temple, Mrs Justice Maura McGowan sat down for a conversation about pro bono with barrister Sabina Khan, founder of the Women in Gowns (WIGS) project. She told her favourite pro bono story and revealed the real reason people should volunteer.

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## Advocate Statistics



### Business owner finds himself being robbed of IP rights: Philip's story

Read this month's story about Philip, a sports business owner who trusted his colleague to help look after his interests after he suffered serious injury and couldn't work, only to discover that she was trying to steal his business name and intellectual property rights to use for herself. Fortunately, barrister Ashley Roughton stepped in, saying: *"I helped them turn the case from a maze and nightmare into an organised (albeit on occasion slow) process in steps which they could manage and understand."*



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## Work for us!

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### We are recruiting a Director of Development!

We are looking for a Director of Development to join the Senior Management Team, working alongside the Chief Executive and the Chief Operating Officer/Head of Casework. This is an exciting opportunity to play a key role within Advocate in which you will be responsible for developing our engagement with new stakeholders, achieving fundraising goals, and communicating with supporters, stakeholders and partners. We are looking for someone who shares our passion for access to justice and the role pro bono plays within that.

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### Our Volunteer Barrister Success Stories

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**Wafa Shah**  
33 Bedford Row

Panel member Wafa Shah joined us a year ago and since then has helped on two very urgent

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**Philip Stear**  
Outer Temple Chambers

Philip began volunteering with Advocate this year, and has just recently accepted his fifth case,

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**Douglas Cochran**  
King's Chambers

Douglas has been working with Advocate for a number of years but has recently taken on a case to

applications that we were struggling to find assistance for. She stepped in to help out when we really needed her, agreeing to advise both applicants this last month, despite also having a 10-day inquiry starting this past Monday. The applicants got back in touch with us to say how grateful they were for the excellent support that Wafa provided.

Thank you, Wafa

with a total of nine separate confirmations of assistance in 2021. Philip has worked across a range of Chancery and Commercial cases and has been very proactive in selecting cases nearly every month. He has appeared at multiple hearings and continues to volunteer for cases, even when solicitors drop out and can no longer help.

Thank you, Philip

help applicants who had been waiting a long time for assistance. Douglas accepted instructions and has since asked for authorisation for further work on the applicants' behalf. The applicants have described having Douglas's help as a "huge relief" after a very stressful two years trying to manage the litigation process without proper legal assistance.

Thank you, Douglas



## Humble beginnings, current challenges and looking to the future...

Chief Executive, Rebecca Wilkie, recently wrote an article for Counsel Magazine celebrating 25 years of Advocate. It covers our humble beginnings from a room in Gray's Inn with just 350 volunteer barristers to where we are and what we are trying to achieve today. If you haven't seen it yet, you can read it [here](#).

Why not take this opportunity to explore our case list live on our website? You can login and browse our full case list [here](#).