

# Pro Bono Champions

## About the role:

- **Pro Bono Champions** play a crucial role for Advocate as a key point of contact for us within sets of chambers.
- The role makes a huge difference to how Advocate is able to engage with chambers and to the lives of many vulnerable people who would otherwise go without the support of a barrister.
- Through regular feedback provided by Advocate and internal discussions, we hope that Pro Bono Champions will be aware of how much pro bono work chambers are doing, and have a plan for how they will encourage members to take on pro bono work.
- The Advocate team are in touch monthly with resources that you can circulate with members of your Chambers, and ideas of how to encourage pro bono work.
- You can get in touch with Advocate at any time if we can help with anything related to pro bono cases in Chambers or your role.
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Pro Bono Champions' key actions:

- Encourage members to sign up to the Advocate panel via our [sign-up form](#).
- Organise a short pro bono seminar - this can be part of an already existing event. An Advocate Caseworker will attend and cover the reasons to do pro bono and how Advocate works in more detail.
- Encourage all second six pupils and new tenants to sign up - pro bono work can be a great way to gain experience and kickstart their careers.
- Encourage Junior barristers to do more pro bono to:
  - Gain experience advocating in higher courts
  - Get in front of key judges, and meet new solicitors
  - Broaden experience and areas of expertise
- Encourage Senior barristers to do pro bono for silk applications to:
  - Demonstrate a good ability to work with others
  - Show skills in relation to diversity
  - Opportunity for high level advocacy
- Encourage Senior barristers to sign up to our mentoring scheme, [Collaborate](#).
- Make sure your panel members know about [pro bono costs orders](#), and how to apply for them.

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- Ensure your set know about our [Bar Pro Bono Awards](#), and organise nominations where appropriate.
  
- Pro Bono champions can also be a great support in helping with our fundraising initiatives:
  - Encourage your barristers to donate £35 at the time of practising certificate renewals.
  - Ask your set to consider becoming a [Pro Bono Patron](#) by joining the Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum Circle.
  - Share the invitation to our Christmas Carols event with your set, a festive highlight on the legal calendar.
  
- Arrange a meeting with Advocate's team to discuss how we can support your members and ensure the best opportunities are coming your way.

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