
Advocate Monthly Top Ten!



At the start of this new year, we wanted to say a huge thank you to all those barristers who contributed to Advocate last year. With support from many of you, we were able to help people on 1,150 occasions. In each of these cases an individual would have been forced to navigate the legal system alone, but the Bar stepped in to provide help when it was most needed. We are overwhelmed by the generosity of our panel members and the readiness with which you freely give your expertise. As one applicant recently said:

“My barrister was so supportive and understanding of what I was going through, and did what he could at every stage in the process in my best interest. If it wasn't for him, I don't think I would've got this far, he has been really amazing and encouraging, and I appreciate what he has done for me.”

We hope you will join us in making 2022 an even better year for access to justice. We would like to invite you to work more closely with Advocate by either becoming a Pro Bono Champion for your Chambers or, for our more senior barrister volunteers, joining our Advocate Reviewing Team. We have outlined these responsibilities for you in the link below and hope you will consider joining us. If you have any questions or would like to find out more, please contact me or the team, we'd love to hear from you.

With best wishes for the year ahead and continuing thanks for all you do,

Rebecca Wilkie, Advocate CEO

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2 Employee's disability led to unfair dismissal: Tony's story

Tony's job led to spinal problems and an operation, but when he asked for more reasonable adjustments, his employer dismissed him on the grounds of incapability despite 11 years of service. Thankfully, a barrister and a solicitor at the RCJ Advice were able to help.

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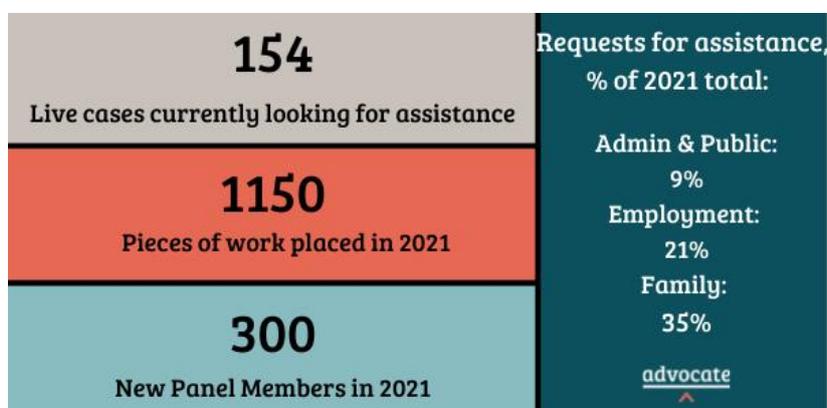
3 In praise of the Chambers' Professionals

Advocate cannot speak highly enough of the wonderful Chambers Professionals who regularly work with us. The role they play in placing pro bono cases is essential. Read more to hear from our 2021 award nominees, and please get in touch if you're interested in working with us.

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Advocate Statistics



Advocate welcomes new trustees

After a busy year celebrating our 25th anniversary, we are delighted to have appointed three new trustees to help develop our strategy for the years ahead. Meet our new trustees for 2022.



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Barrister Profile: Daniel Grütters

Daniel Grütters from One Pump Court won the Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year in 2021 for his extraordinary range of pro bono work. He took his first case on the first day of his second six and has been busy ever since. You can read more about his inspiring work.

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Our Volunteer Barrister Success Stories

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Chelsea Brooke-Ward

Park Square Barristers

Chelsea joined Advocate just last year but she is already making a big difference. We wanted to celebrate Chelsea this month as she recently accepted two pieces of work with deadlines in the next week at a time. Chelsea accepted these cases when it looked like we wouldn't be able to help. We are really grateful to Chelsea and that she is making pro bono a part of her practice!

Thank you, Chelsea

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Catherine Meredith

Doughty Street Chambers

Catherine accepted eight separate requests for assistance as part of our Afghanistan Project in the last two weeks of December, assisting a group of ex-BBC journalists. Catherine is working hard alongside our Casework Team and the advice agency and solicitors who contacted Advocate seeking assistance. We are so grateful to Catherine for stepping up to support at this very needed time.

Thank you, Catherine

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Ramby de Mello

No5 Chambers

Ramby is one of our more senior volunteer barristers who regularly picks up work through Advocate, recently completing four cases in four weeks. On top of this outstanding commitment, Ramby has also found time to secure legal aid solicitors for some of the applicants, as well as sharing his considerable expertise to advise our casework team when needed on developments in the Afghan cases.

Thank you, Ramby

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Share the impact you made in 2021

If you took on a case with Advocate in 2021, we would love to hear about the impact of the case for the applicant and your practice. This helps us to accurately capture the Bar's outstanding contribution to access to justice. Our online impact form is short, full of tick boxes and shouldn't take too long to fill out. [You can find it here.](#)