
Advocate Monthly Top Ten!



Advocate assists with the EU Settlement Scheme

Advocate, in partnership with [Here For Good](#), has been providing administrative casework support and a direct access licence to enable barristers to assist many vulnerable individuals to apply to regularise their status in the UK before the 30th June deadline.

Read more to hear from two Advocate caseworkers describing how they provided support to volunteer barristers on complex cases, and two incredible examples of successful cases.

This was a vital project and we were pleased to be able to contribute any way we could.

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Whistle-blower sacked from job has claim struck out

Daniel had his whistle-blowing claim rejected by the employment tribunal when he appeared against three represented parties. Feeling like he was not well understood by the judge, a barrister helped him appeal his case.

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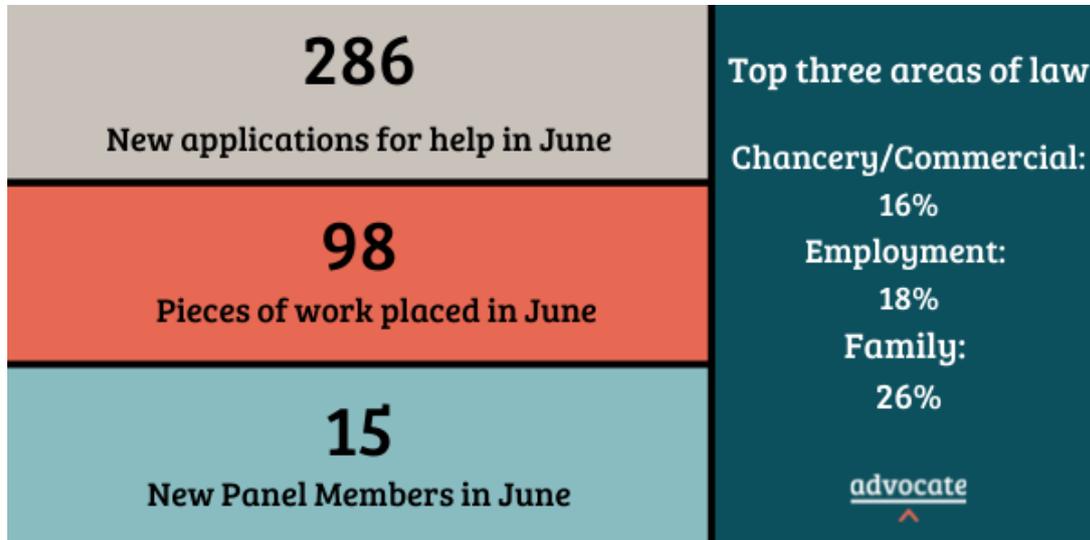
Judges' stories - now up on our website!

We have recently launched a new section of our website highlighting the support for pro bono from the judiciary. Lady Justice Elisabeth Laing talks here about why representation is essential to good decision-making.

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Advocate Statistics



Top Ten Tips for taking on pro bono work!

With thanks to Katharine Elliot from 4-5 Gray's Inn Square, we share here Top Ten Tips for taking on pro bono work with Advocate. Whether you are a seasoned pro bono provider or just about to take on your first case, there is something for you here.



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Barrister Profile: Zehrah Hasan

Barrister Zehrah Hasan from Garden Court Chambers writes a blog about how her passion for social activism drives her different and varied pro bono projects.

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Our Volunteer Barrister Success Stories

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Andrew Skelly

Hardwicke

Advocate simply could not continue to exist without the support of our reviewing barristers.

Andrew Skelly has recently offered his expertise on a number of urgent cases as well as a considerable amount of time spent re-reviewing cases for further support. This regular commitment to pro bono is behind the scenes and can often go uncelebrated, so we wanted to highlight Andrew and say a particular thanks for his unwavering support.

Thank you, Andrew

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Deborah Tompkinson

Normanton Chambers

Deborah has given just over 19 total days work to an Advocate case over the last year.

Deborah's involvement has meant that the applicant is no longer at risk of imprisonment and the Official Solicitor is on board after nearly a year. Not only has Deborah given significant time and resource to this case, Deborah continues to devote her time to fighting against the barriers in place for psychiatrically vulnerable people to access legal expertise.

Thank you, Deborah

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Douglas Grant

7 King's Bench Walk

Douglas Grant has donated well over a year to a case. The applicant recently wrote in to express her gratitude: "It is one thing for Mr Grant to be great at what he does, but another to be able to tailor his help to suit an elderly lady of 82 years, in poor health, during lockdown with limited facilities. I cannot praise or recommend Mr Grant higher." Without Douglas' invaluable support, this applicant and many others would go without access to justice.

Thank you, Douglas



**Pro Bono Week celebrates its 20th anniversary
this year**

The 20th annual Pro Bono Week will take place from 1 to 5 November 2021, offering an opportunity to recognise and support the voluntary contribution made by the legal profession across the UK in giving free legal help to those in need.

As in previous years, during Pro Bono Week organisations will be encouraged to organise events, comms and publications which focus on key topics.

To find out more visit: www.probonoweek.org.uk