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Advocate Monthly Top Ten

2022 Bar Pro Bono Awards Shortlist Announced

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The time has come for us to unveil our shortlist for this year's #BarProBonoAwards...

We had an overwhelming number of nominations this year, a total of 78 nominations across 10 categories, which is testament to all the incredible pro bono work going on at the Bar.

Showcasing dedicated members of the Bar, our shortlisted nominees have gone above and beyond in their pro bono work.

Congratulations to all our shortlisted nominees!

[Meet the 2022 Bar Pro Bono Awards Shortlist](#)



Welcome to all our new trustees and staff from across England & Wales.

It's the **start of the new legal year** and we are excited to welcome our **three new trustees**, Michael Hayton KC, Natasha Bellinger and Richard Wheeler.

We have also welcomed **nine new members of staff** over the summer, from across the different circuits.

As Advocate continues to grow, we are excited about how our increased capacity will help us to match more barristers with more people who come to us for help.

[Meet the New Legal Team](#)



Carols for Pro Bono: Celebrate Christmas at Temple Church
Tuesday 13th December 2022

You are cordially invited to the annual Advocate and LawWorks Christmas Carol Concert.

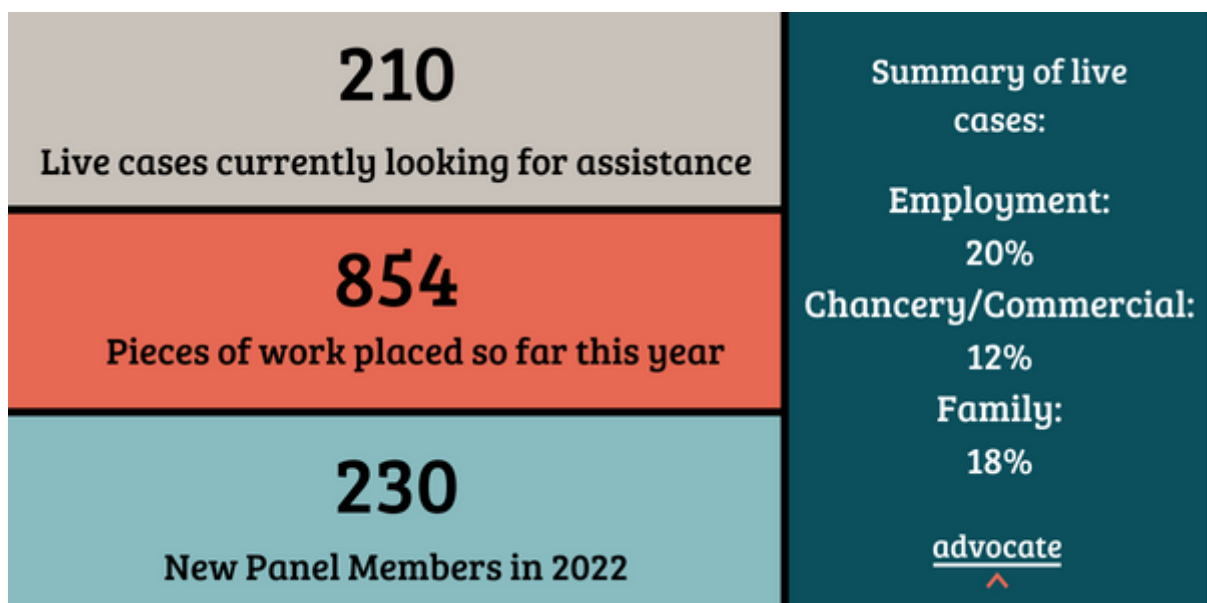
The concert will be held in one of London's most historic and beautiful churches, which will provide a stunning backdrop for a festive evening packed with traditional carols, musical performances and a special line-up of celebrity guests, including **Juliet Stevenson**.

Join us this Christmas to celebrate pro bono!

[Purchase Tickets Here](#)



Advocate Statistics



Take on a pro bono case today!

We are currently experiencing an **unprecedented number of applications** for legal assistance, and we *need* more volunteer barristers.

The **cost-of-living crisis** is putting further strain on our justice system and we are seeing an increased number of people needing access to pro bono support.

Don't wait until tomorrow, help those that need it today.



Thanks to the hundreds of you already taking on pro bono cases and we look forward to welcoming more of you to join our panel of volunteer barristers.

[View our list of cases online here](#)



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Spotlight on Panel Member Maureen Obi-Ezekpazu

"Follow your passion. If it is your passion to help those who are not, in that moment, able to help themselves then pro bono work will attract you and you will have no doubts."

Maureen Obi-Ezekpazu, a Family Barrister at Family Matters, speaks to us about following your passion and how pro bono helped her to follow hers.

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Our Volunteer Barrister & Pupil Barrister Success Stories

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Justin Bates

Landmark Chambers

Amazing work from Justin Bates, who assisted an

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Jagoda Klimowicz

Brick Court Chambers

Our applicant sought assistance applying for a PIP

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Michele Peters

We are so grateful to Michele for taking on her

applicant who had a large costs award made against him, due to his son's anti social behaviour in the applicant's leasehold property. It transpired that the costs award had been arrived at using the wrong legal test. Justin provided draft grounds of appeal against the costs order, and a note on the merits for the applicant, all before the next day deadline. We are grateful to Justin for taking on this case and providing legal assistance at such short notice. It has made the world of difference for our applicant.

Thank you, Justin

appeal, which proved difficult as medical documents weren't submitted at the time of the PIP application. Jagoda represented the applicant, who had been disadvantaged due to her disability and struggling immensely without support to fund medical & living expenses, at the appeal. They were successful, now the applicant is entitled to the normal rate of PIP! This has been truly life changing for our applicant, who has said she is so grateful for all the help she received.

Thank you, Jagoda

first ever case for Advocate. The applicant, who has several children, including her very unwell son who spends most days on a ventilator in Great Ormond Street Hospital, sought extended leave to remain in the UK. The applicant and her family faced eviction from their home and so Michele worked flat out to ensure we were able to assist in time. We are thrilled to have finally received the decision to grant the family leave to remain for 30 months on the 10 year settlement route.

Thank you, Michele



The Big Give Christmas Challenge 2022

The 2022 Christmas Challenge kicks off at midday on Tuesday 29 November and runs for a week until Tuesday 6 December. During this time, all donations to Advocate will be **doubled**.

The Big Give will match your donation to Advocate.
It's a win win!

This year, we are raising funds for a volunteer coordinator, who will create a volunteering programme to recruit and train a new cohort of volunteers to improve our service.

We hope you will support us by donating this year –
one donation, twice the impact!

Please contact Sana, our Fundraising and Events Officer, if you are interested in making a donation.

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