Advocate Monthly Top Ten!



Fighting for asylum as an Eritrean child refugee: Isaak's story

Isaak escaped persecution in Eritrea and arrived in the UK as an unaccompanied minor. He applied for asylum, but the Home Office denied it, claiming that he was actually Ethiopian because he spoke the "wrong" language. Barrister Emma Daykin from One Pump Court, a specialist in nationality disputes, represented Isaak, convincing them he was in fact from Eritrea.

Isaak's was an unusual case because the solicitors who filed the original claim refused to continue representing him, leaving him with an appeal date but no lawyer.

Isaak's case ended up with the Red Cross Young Refugees Service and they eventually managed to get the case to Advocate after months of agonising delay. This case involved co-operation across multiple agencies, all desperately trying to get a traumatised boy the help he desperately needed.

Read more about this remarkable success story and the people involved in it.

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Emma Daykin: What inspires her to do pro bono

Emma discusses her incredibly varied pro bono work – from being an anti-death penalty intern in the US, through to specialist immigration work in the UK - and how her background influenced her to do it. Emma was the Advocate barrister on Isaak's case (see story 1) and she also volunteers as an Advocate reviewing barrister.



25 pro bono voices: Yeri a Red Cross Caseworker

Yeri is a casework co-ordinator in the Red Cross Young Refugees Service. When Isaak's case landed on her desk, she understood how urgently he needed specialist legal help to fight his nationality claim. Read Yeri's blog, a wonderful example of the access to justice sector working together to achieve a fantastic result.

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Advocate Statistics

270	Top three areas of
New applications for help in April	Chancery/Commer
	20%
102	Employment:
Pieces of work placed in April	23%
	Family:
50	33%
New Panel Members in April	advocate

Webinar with CLIPs

At the end of April, Advocate's CEO, Rebecca Wilkie, appeared on a distinguished panel for a webinar called "demystifying CLIPS", hosted by Andrew de Mestre QC. Two judges described how grateful a court is when a litigant in person is represented pro bono and CLIPS volunteers described their experiences. To watch the webinar, see more below.





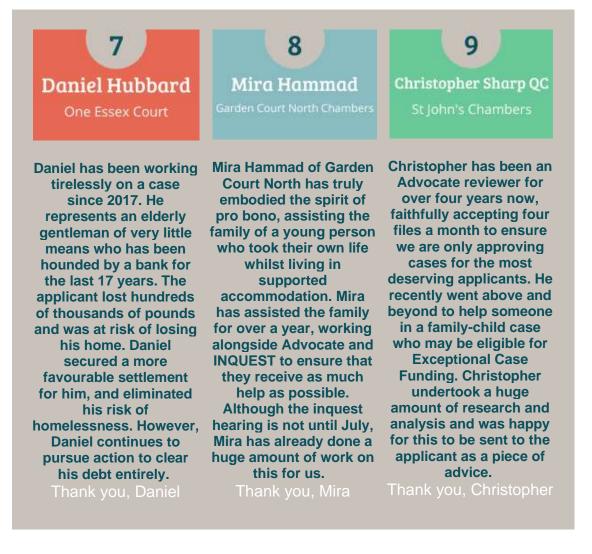


Spotlight on Casework

In the first of a series of blogs from Advocate's casework team, Caroline reflects on the impact of the lockdown on applications and the highs and lows of her work after the demand for our service doubled in the last year.



Our volunteer barrister success stories





Share your story!

There is a huge amount of pro bono work going on, often behind the scenes and in unsung ways. To help us celebrate this, our 25th year, as fully as possible, and for us all to better understand the full extent of the Bar's commitment to pro bono, please consider submitting a few lines on the work you have done. We have created a <u>short form</u> to make it possible for you to tell us your story.

We would love to hear about the impact that you have seen pro bono work have on either the people and communities you have worked with, or on your own career.

Thank you for your continuing support.