

---

# Advocate Monthly Top Ten

1



## Leeds-BPC LIP Scheme Launch!

We were delighted to announce the launch of the Leeds Business and Property Court Litigant in Person Scheme (“Leeds-BPC LIP Scheme”) this month.

We attended the launch event in Leeds, which also included some exciting discussions about the formation of a Yorkshire Pro Bono Committee. Representatives from local chambers, firms, charities and law schools were in attendance at the event. It was supported by **Judge Bond**, **HHJ Gosnell** and **HHJ Hillier**, as well as **Jason Pitter KC**, Leader of the North Eastern Circuit, who has expressed the Circuit’s support of the Scheme.

[Read more about the launch here](#)

## Join our Board of Trustees

### Join our Board of Trustees

Are you a barrister who is based outside of London, committed to pro bono and practicing in family or employment law?

We are currently looking for two new trustees to join our Board as we enter the second year of our three-year strategy.

We are especially keen to receive applications from junior members of the Bar and those based predominantly outside the South-East as we seek to expand our presence.

Deadline: Monday 10th of July.

[Apply here](#)



### London Legal Walk - THANK YOU

This month the Advocate team volunteered at the London Legal Walk, the largest fundraising event in the legal calendar. We were blown away by the amount of support, with 16,000 walkers including over 90 Chambers walking for justice.

We are thrilled to announce that almost £30,000 has been raised for Advocate!

This is an incredible amount and could not have been achieved without everyone's extraordinary fundraising efforts.

[Find out more](#)

4

## Advocate Statistics

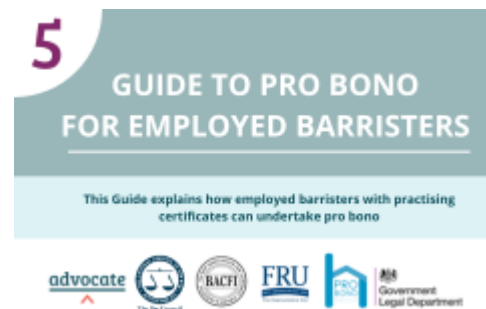


### The Guide to Pro Bono for the Employed Bar

On the 22nd June, Advocate caseworker Daisy Caldwell spoke in Westminster to the Government Legal Department at the launch of the new Guide to Pro Bono for Employed Barristers.

We produced this guide in partnership with the Bar Council, the Bar Association for Commercial, Finance & Industry, FRU, the In House Pro Bono Group and the Government Legal Department.

The Guide provides practical steps for how employed barristers with practicing certificates can undertake pro bono, and the key practical factors to consider when doing so.



The benefits to employed barristers taking on pro bono are wide-ranging. Not only is it hugely personally rewarding, but it is also a great chance to enhance expertise and develop experience in a new area of practice.

[Click here to read the Guide to Pro Bono for the Employed Bar](#)

6



## Launch of the Access to Justice Committee

The event welcomed the launch of a new pro bono guide, which is a directory for MPs and others looking to signpost individuals to free legal and other advice.

On 20th June, we attended the launch of the new All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Access to Justice in the House of Lords.

The Group will be Co-Chaired by Karen Buck MP and Laura Farris MP, and brings together two cross-party parliamentary groups: the Legal Aid APPG and the Pro Bono and Public Legal Education APPG.

The event was attended by representatives from across the justice sector, with speeches from the Co-Chairs and the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, Alex Chalk. The Lord Chancellor previously chaired the Pro Bono APPG when it was relaunched in 2016.

The Guide signposts to:

- Legal aid
- Pro Bono
- Front line advice organisations
- Online guidance
- Specialist charities providing general advice/support

[Click here to read The Guide to Pro Bono and Other Free Advice](#)

## Shout out to Panel Members...

<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Jagoda Klimowicz</b> Brick Court Chambers</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>John Platts-Mills</b> Devereux</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>Cathy Mitchell</b> New Bailey Chambers</p>
<p>We would like to say thank you to Jagoda Klimowicz, who despite never previously practicing employment before, reached a life changing settlement of £20,000 against two national organisations for an applicant who was discriminated against at work.</p> <p>Thank you, Jagoda</p>	<p>John Platts-Mills stepped forward to advise and represent a client on an employment case just 3 days before a preliminary hearing. His client praised John for his hard work and professionalism in understanding their case and preparing for the preliminary hearing.</p> <p>Thank you, John</p>	<p>Our huge thanks to Cathy Mitchell from New Bailey Chambers for successfully stopping the prosecution of a victim of domestic violence by the Crown Prosecution Service. This was on the basis that it did not meet the public interest test, and the case has since been withdrawn.</p> <p>Thank you, Cathy</p>



### Get in touch

Please do get in touch with our friendly team at Advocate if you have any questions or queries. We are always happy to hear from you!