



Thursday 31st October 2019

LJMU Legal Advice Centre – the Rule of Law and the Individual

12:00pm – 3:00pm

Liverpool John Moores University (Blackburne House, Blackburne Place, Liverpool L8 7PE)

LJMU's Legal Advice Centre is reopening for our 6th year of operation and we have exciting developments for the future to announce. Our theme for this year's event to celebrate our volunteers' work, and Pro Bono Week, is "The Rule of Law and the Individual" and we are delighted that our keynote speakers this year will be Nicola Brook (Solicitor and Team Leader of Major Inquests & Inquiries) and Leanne Devine (Director and Head of Inquests & Inquiries) from the nationally-renowned team at Broudie Jackson Canter.

12PM – Arrival and lunch.

1-2PM – Keynote speech and panel discussion.

2-3pm – Tea, coffee and informal discussion. Please join us our students, staff, volunteer solicitors and third sector allies at this event to celebrate their pro bono work in the local community.



Monday 4th November 2019

Pro Bono Week Launch Event: Human Rights and Pro Bono

6:00pm – 8:30pm

The Law Society (113 Chancery Lane, London, WC2A 1PL)

A panel discussion chaired by Joshua Rozenberg QC (hon), Britain's best-known commentator on the law. The panel is comprised of experts discussing the intersection of human rights, public law and pro bono:

Kirsty Brimelow QC, international human rights barrister and former Chair of Bar Human Rights Committee

Mandy Gill, Head of Legal, British Red Cross Society

Christina Kumar, Legal Fellow for International Justice Mission in the Philippines

We hope that you will be able to join us to contribute to the discussion and to network. Registration from 6pm, panel discussion 6.30pm, followed by a drinks reception.

How Your Pro Bono Hours Help People on Death Row

12:30pm – 1:30pm

Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP (Adelaide House, London Bridge EC4R 9HA)

Join us to hear from two of the US's most active Capital Defence attorneys and investigators. Shayla J Galloway, Metro Capital Defender, Atlanta, Georgia. Shayla has been practising criminal law for 15 years. She has exclusively practised criminal defence.

Her legal career began at the DeKalb Public Defender's Office in Decatur, Georgia. There, she was a Senior Assistant Public Defender where she was involved in all facets of the criminal caseload activity. This included representing indigent clients charged with felonies that ranged from drugs, domestic violence and murder. She has tried several felony cases before judges and juries.

Additionally, she was an Adjunct Professor at Brown Mackie College teaching non-traditional students Legal Writing, Criminal Law and Constitutional Law. In 2015, she joined the Metro Capital Defender's Office as a Capital Trial Attorney.

To date, her office has settled many cases without receiving a death verdict. Shayla has been involved in all aspects of capital plea negotiations. She has also served as co-counsel on one death penalty trial to verdict.

Christy Dickerson, Metro Capital Defender, Atlanta, Georgia. Born in the small town of Griffin, GA, Christy always knew she wanted a career helping others. Her dreams of becoming a Pediatrician quickly vanished after one year as a Biology/Pre-med major at Spelman College in Atlanta, where she discovered the medical field was not her passion. She transferred to Georgia State University and became a Criminal Justice major. She graduated from Georgia State University with a degree in Criminal Justice in December 2004. While at Georgia State she interned for the Multi- County Public Defender Office, which later became the Georgia Capital Defender Office. As a result of that college internship, she was hired as a part-time clerk within the office, and 10 months later, in November 2005, she was hired as a Mitigation Investigator. While working at GCD she also received her Master's Degree in Psychology in 2008.



For the past 14 years she has worked diligently on behalf of clients facing the Death Penalty in Georgia. Those 14 years have been filled with highs, lows, and much experience in Death Penalty Mitigation and Litigation. To date, she has resolved 18 cases, been through a few trials, and unfortunately has one client that received a death sentence. She presently has 5 open death penalty cases pending trial.

Find out how your pro bono hours affect the outcomes of cases that would otherwise be forgotten.

Pro Bono roundtable: Connecting pro bono practice outside of London

12:30pm – 2:00pm

DLA Piper Leeds (Princes Exchange, Princes Square, Leeds LS1 4BY)

In honour of National Pro Bono Week 2019, DLA Piper LLP warmly invites you to an informal get-together in Leeds. The event is a chance to connect informally over lunch with other pro bono professionals, find out what projects are happening in the region and discuss ways that law firms can work together to share best practice and address unmet legal need.

This event is open to anyone involved in the Pro Bono field in our region, including law firms, universities, law centres, NGOs and civil society organisations.

Private GLD Pro Bono Panel

12:30pm – 1:30pm

The GLD Pro Bono and Volunteering Network is hosting a lunchtime session for GLD lawyers to find out more about how to become involved with pro bono work.

LawWorks and Advocate will present the opportunities they have to offer and GLD lawyers will share their inspiring experiences with pro bono work.

Advocate Pro Bono Webinar

8:30am – 9:30am

1GC, 1 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3BP

We invite you to celebrate the start of Pro Bono Week with pro bono and breakfast at 1GC Family Law, or from your own desk.

A quarter of the Bar are members of the Advocate panel. Join this short webinar to find out what it means to be a panel member, and how you can help people get access to justice through Advocate. We'll also explore some of the reasons people do pro bono, and there'll be time for you to ask any questions you might have.

The webinar will start promptly at 8.45am.

If you're joining in person, please arrive from 8.30am for registration and breakfast. If you're joining remotely, we assume you'll use those 15 minutes to organise your own breakfast, wherever you are!



Tuesday 5th November 2019

Pro Bono Impact Measurement

8:30am – 10:30am

Slaughter and May (1 Bunhill Row, London EC1Y 8YY)

Slaughter and May are delighted to host a session with Pro Bono Economics looking at how charities and pro bono practitioners alike can review and better measure the impact of their programmes. Pro Bono Economics work with charities to help understand and improve their value and impact. The area of impact measurement is one that many charities find difficult. During this session Pro Bono Economics will cover impact measurement and why it is important, as well as looking at their particular approach using an applied economics model. The session will include case study examples and suggestions for putting reflections from the session into practice. The session is largely aimed at assisting charities in their front line approach but will also be relevant for pro bono practitioners.

Start: 8.30am for a 9am start

Finish: 10.30am

Launch of Law Society guidance on pro bono for in-house lawyers

5:30pm – 7:30pm

The Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1PL

The Law Society, in collaboration with LawWorks, The Collaborative Plan and the In-house Pro Bono Working Group, is launching guidance specific to in-house members on how they can carry out pro bono work. The Law Society will host an invitation only roundtable session on the topics raised in the guidance during Pro Bono Week on 5 November from 17.30 in Chancery Lane, London, followed by the launch drinks reception.

The London launch will be followed by regional roundtable sessions. The guidance will be available online from November 2019.

Improving Access to Justice in Surrey

5:30pm – 8:30pm

Charles Russell Speechlys (London Square, One Cross Lanes, Guildford, GU1 1UN)

Getting access to justice is an ever-increasing challenge for ordinary people living in Surrey. Charles Russell Speechlys invites you to join a meeting of key local stakeholders to discuss the challenges of access to justice and the role that pro bono initiatives and cross-sector collaboration can play in bridging the gaps.

We are pleased to welcome HHJ Alison Raeside (Designated Family Judge for Surrey) and experts working across the justice system for an action-orientated conversation about improving access to justice for local people.

5.30pm registration for a 6pm start.

Networking drinks from 7.15pm



A Celebration of International Pro Bono

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Allen & Overy, One Bishops Square, Spitafields, London E1 6AD

A4ID's ROLE UK programme has partnered with Allen & Overy for an evening of celebration that will showcase partnerships and pro bono work undertaken between the UK legal and judicial sector and their counterparts in developing countries.

Speakers

- Elizabeth Staves – Allen & Overy
- Ruth Sharon, Dan Hope and Ranjit Uppal – Strengthening Families for Abandoned Children (SFAC)
- Grace Karrass – Judicial Office of England and Wales
- Adrienne Joy – Advocates for International Development
- Mariam Faruqi – iProbono

Each of the speakers will deliver a fast-paced and visual PechaKucha © -style presentation about the successes and lessons learned from their partnerships with legal and judicial actors in developing countries. Between the presentations the audience will be asked to discuss specific questions about international legal pro bono and encouraged to discuss their ideas with stakeholders from different sectors.

This dynamic evening is intended to connect legal and development professionals to facilitate knowledge sharing about the lessons learned from their different experiences of international pro bono assistance. The event ties in with the ROLE UK programme's long-term aim to help strengthen the rule of law around the world by improving the responsiveness and impact of international pro bono.

Inquests: Access to justice & the role of Pro Bono

6:00pm – 8:00pm

King's College London, Strand, London, WC2R 2LS

This seminar, exploring the issues around representation and legal aid for Inquest victims, is hosted by The City of Westminster & Holborn Law Society Pro Bono and CSR Sub-Committee. The guest speakers are Yasmin Waljee OBE, International Pro Bono Director and Senior Counsel, at Hogan Lovells International LLP; HH Sir Peter Thornton QC, the former Chief Coroner of England and Wales and Rebecca Wilkinson, Deputy Chief Executive & Director of Programmes at LawWorks.

Yasmin Waljee and Hogan Lovells have provided exemplary pro bono service to the victims of crime and terrorism including the July 7 bombing and Westminster Attacks (March 2017). The event aims to explore the extent to which pro bono representation can be utilised. CWHLS Pro Bono and CSR Sub-Committee aims to promote and enable its members to engage in sustainable pro bono activity, Rebecca Wilkinson will provide information about a variety of pro bono opportunities that firms can get involved in.



Wednesday 6th November 2019

Law in Society Showcase

1:00pm – 5:00pm

The Outreach Centre, 9C Holyrood Road, Edinburgh EH8 8FP

Hosted by Edinburgh Free Legal Advice Centre, this event will bring together charities and other organisations offering pro bono services in Scotland, along with legal firms, faculty and others to showcase the work they do.

This session is for students, charities, members of the legal profession and other interested parties.

Launch of the Public Law Project's Exceptional Case Funding Toolkit

5:30pm – 7:30pm

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, 65 Fleet Street, London, EC4Y 1HT

The Legal Aid ECF scheme is intended as a human rights 'safety net', ensuring access to funding. The [Public Law Project](#) are launching a new toolkit to guide the setup of ECF clinics.

ECF clinics help people access ECF to get funded legal representation for vital cases. Such funding can also 'free-up' valuable resources in the pro bono sector and promote innovative partnerships. PLP's toolkit is a guide to setting up an ECF clinic. It looks at clinical models, opportunities, issues and analysis with detailed case studies and views from clinical practitioners and their partners.

Speakers for this event include:

Emma Marshall, Public Law Project and University of Exeter

James Sandbach, LawWorks

Anna Skehan, Islington Law Centre

Hannah Tye, Freshfields

Katy Watts, Public Law Project

Refreshments provided from 5.30pm. The event will start at 6.30pm

Brunel Legal Advice Centre Official Opening

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Brunel University of London

The Brunel Legal Advice Centre has been offering services to the local community in Employment Law for the last year and is now offering services in partnership with Hillingdon Citizen's Advice, welfare benefits appeal advice and assistance and soon to offer a regular intellectual property audit service for local start-up's and community organisations.

Invite-only event.

Bar Pro Bono Awards 2019

6:30pm – 9:00pm

Child & Co, 3 Fleet Street, London, EC4Y 1AU

A celebration of the pro bono contribution made by the Bar. This event is invitation-only.



Pro Bono: Don't Get Left Behind – How pro bono can skyrocket your practice and prospects

6:30pm – 8:00pm

The Sherrard Room, Middle Temple Lane, London, EC4Y 9AT

The Middle Temple Young Barristers' Association ([MTYBA](#)), Junior London Solicitors Litigation Association ([JLSLA](#)) and London Young Lawyers' Group ([LYLG](#)) are delighted to present: 'Pro Bono: Don't Get Left Behind', a combined event for Pro Bono Week 2019, on Wednesday 6 November.

We've put together a panel of junior solicitors and barristers who have their own stories to tell of how doing pro-bono has helped build their practices and opened up opportunities they would otherwise not have had access to. You will hear, amongst other things, about how they've managed to balance these commitments alongside their paid practice, and why they think more junior lawyers should be doing pro-bono.

Short testimonials will be followed by panel discussion, Q&A and a drinks and canapes reception.

The event takes place in the delightful surrounds of Parliament Chamber in Middle Temple. The event will start promptly at 18:30.

Don't get left behind!



Thursday 7th November 2019

Launch of Family Court Advice Service in Leeds

Leeds Combined Court Centre, 1 Oxford Row, Leeds, LS1 3BG

Under the theme New Developments in Pro Bono, on the 7th November 2019, BPP University will be launching the Family Court Advice Service in the Leeds Combined Court Centre, in partnership with Support Through Court.

Advocate Clerks Drop-in Morning

8:30am – 12:30pm

Advocate, National Pro Bono Centre, 48 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1JF

The Institute of Barristers' Clerks and Advocate invite you to join us on Thursday 7th November as we jointly host a clerks drop-in event in Pro Bono Week 2019.

Introduced by the Chair of the IBC Lucy Barbet and the Chair of Advocate Mr Justice Knowles, attend to meet the Advocate team, find out about current available cases, and get the scoop on how junior clerks in the know use pro bono as a key tool in managing practice development and securing new business.

Breakfast available from 8.30 – 10.30am

Coffee and cake 10.30am – 12.30pm

Breaking the Myths of Pro Bono

5:00pm – 8:00pm

Gowlings WLG, Two Snowhill Queensway, Birmingham, B4 6WR

The Birmingham Law Society Pro Bono Committee invites you to an evening of Breaking the Myths of Pro Bono, exploring the perceived barriers to pro bono versus the reality.

In what promises to be an inspiring and lively evening, our guest speakers will share their experience and stories with our audience, demonstrating how our legal community can use its special skills to make a real difference in Birmingham and beyond. Often it is difficult to appreciate how we can use our expertise to help address the social and economic problems we see every day in our city. Firms and lawyers might feel there are barriers to volunteering, be it time, expertise or risk. We hope this evening will show that many of those barriers are myths and in fact there are many routes to using our legal skills to provide to access to justice in our communities.

Those lawyers who are interested in volunteering and making a difference, but are not sure where to begin, or firms who would like to add pro bono to their CSR profile, but need to start from scratch with this, are particularly encouraged to attend.

This event is also an opportunity for Birmingham Law Society members to network and link up with a number of charitable organisations and advice agencies that need your help. Come and find out how you can volunteer to improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable people.

Speakers:

Councillor Sharon Thompson



Michael Luckman, Partner Gowling WLG;
Ayo Akin-Oteniya, Trainee Solicitor, Gowling WLG
Hosted by Mark Taylor, Chair of the Birmingham Law Society Pro Bono Committee and Partner,
Eversheds Sutherland.

Growing Pro Bono in Northern Ireland – an invitation to meet the PILS Project

5:00pm – 6:10pm

Law Society House, 96 Victoria Street, Belfast, BT1 4PE

During UK Pro Bono Week (4 – 8 November 2019), we are inviting NI legal practitioners to join us for a conversation on how they can get involved in the work of our organisation.

The Public Interest Litigation Support Project (PILS) was set up in 2009 to advance human rights and equality through public interest litigation. One of the initiatives we started to help potential applicants overcome access to justice barriers was our Pro Bono Register. This list of legal practitioners, willing to lend their expertise free of charge, has grown over the years. Many disadvantaged and vulnerable people have been helped as a direct result.

On 7 November, PILS staff and pro bono practitioners will discuss strategic litigation and why there is a need for legal pro bono work. No previous pro bono experience is necessary. If you are interested in working with the PILS Project, please come along. 1 CPD Point (general group study) Tea and coffee will be served. For more information on PILS' work, visit [our website](#).

Pro Bono in Practice: Reaching Communities through Collaboration

5:30pm – 7:30pm

Ty Crashway University of South Wales, Treforest Campus, Pontypridd CF37 1DL

To mark Pro Bono Week, the University of South Wales Legal Advice Clinic and LawWorks Cymru invites you to join us for food and fizz to celebrate the pro bono work of the Clinic and its partners, and formally launch the Clinic's new office space.

Hear about the work of the Legal Advice Clinic and its partners within the local community

Meet staff and students who work in the Clinic as well as a number of our partners

Take a look around our new Clinic space

Discover opportunities to get involved in local projects

Please join us from 5.30pm for a 6pm start.

Delivering Change: Lawyers' Role in Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

5:30pm – 9:00pm

Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 30 St Mary Axe, London, EC3A 8AF

This event will bring together Pro Bono Managers from leading global law firms to discuss the relevance and value of the SDGs to the legal sector, specifically how the SDGs have shaped the direction of their firms' pro bono work. The event will offer the opportunity for legal and



development sector stakeholders to examine ways that the law and lawyers can most effectively contribute to the achievement of the SDGs.

This event marks the launch of A4ID's *Legal Guide to the Sustainable Development Goals*, which provides key insights on the legal challenges and opportunities related to implementing the SDGs, as well as clear examples of the action that law firms and lawyers can take to achieve the goals. Developed in collaboration with A4ID's Legal and Development Partners, the Guide is split into 17 chapters. Each chapter addresses a different SDG, providing an overview of the relevant regional, national and international legal frameworks that highlight how the law can be applied to drive progress towards the SDGs.

The legal community are already improving access to justice and helping to further sustainable development through pro bono legal assistance. However, the SDGs mark an opportunity for law firms to make a tangible contribution to positive social and environmental change by providing a global framework for lawyers to engage in sustainable development and increase access to justice for individuals and communities everywhere.

"If I Should Die..." Book Launch

6:00pm – 9:30pm

Bush House, 30 Aldwych, London WC2B 4BG

Amicus is a UK based fair trials charity founded in 1992. Our aim, simple; to provide those without means facing a death sentence with a chance of a fair trial. Against a system that is littered with reoccurring issues of racism, prosecutorial misconduct, neglect of the mental ill and intellectually impaired fair good representation is key, the frontline work Amicus does saves many lives. Amicus trains 150-200 lawyers and law students in best practice capital defence representation every year.

Our work and reach is extraordinary, we waste no money and every penny we receive goes directly to our work but we rely on donations and events like If I Should Die to continue. "If I Should Die...", Thursday 7th November 2019, is an exclusive, intimate event to mark the launch of *If I Should Die... A Death Row Correspondence* by Jane Officer (Amicus founder). The moving story chronicles Jane's letters with our namesake Andrew Lee Jones, executed in Louisiana in 1992.

We will also be announcing the winners of our first Amicus Awards – The AMIs, recognising and honouring the outstanding contributions to justice made by some amazing individuals and teams this year. In addition to being an important event – marking Andrew and Jane's relationship and the founding of Amicus, and recognising the invaluable pro bono work of volunteers – this event is of incredible important to our fundraising efforts.



Friday 7th November 2019

The Chancery Lane Project Legal Hackathon

The Chancery Lane Project is a collaboration between barristers, solicitors (in house and private practice) and academics to create the legal conditions needed to achieve net zero carbon emissions. The Project aims to invent the new contracts and model laws to help communities and businesses shift to renewable energy, reduce energy usage and create new carbon sinks.

The Project's focus will be on lasting impact: plans are in place for a legal 'hackathon' on the Friday (8th) of Pro Bono Week, from which the Project will produce a Green Paper of new model laws and a Climate Contract Playbook. The playbook, an accessible collection of free precedents, will help align business with the environment.

The Project will be professionally and politically neutral, encouraging new ideas from all corners of the legal landscape. The Project needs lawyers from all specialisms, corporate, tax, finance, real estate, human rights etc and no climate change knowledge is required.

UK lawyers can pledge time at the hackathon and submit ideas via the Project's website, www.chancerylaneproject.org