

## Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

### **A year of pro bono in Brum – Birmingham Law Society Pro Bono Committee**

*November 2, 2020 @ 9:30 am - 10:30 am*

**To kick off the week's events** we will be taking a look back over the past year, celebrating successes, talking about lessons learned from the pandemic and thinking about what more we can do in 2021. This will be a great opportunity to reflect on your own involvement in pro bono throughout 2020 and see what else you could get involved in.

*Host:* Mark Taylor, Chair of the Birmingham Law Society Pro Bono Committee and Partner, Eversheds Sutherland

#### *Speakers:*

Elena Goodfellow, Associate, Bevan Brittan – Birmingham Legal Advice Clinic  
Lucy Burrows, Supervising Solicitor & Pro Bono Manager, BPP – Enterprise Clinic  
Annie Cooper, National Coordinator, Kids in Need of Defence UK  
Sibon Phiri, Founder & Managing Director, United Legal Access  
Nicky Bancroft, Service Manager, Support Through Court

### **Launch of Trainee Hackathon – Birmingham Law Society Pro Bono Committee**

*November 2, 2020 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm*

Birmingham Trainee Solicitors' Society and Birmingham Law Society Pro Bono Committee invites trainee solicitors to pit their wits against one of the biggest access to justice issues in recent history. Local advice charities have seen demand for their services soar throughout the pandemic and they have had to adapt quickly to meet that need. What can Birmingham's trainee solicitor community do to support legal advice charities in these challenging times, as well as more generally?

If you are up to the challenge, we will release a brief a week before the event so that you can form a team and take part in the pro bono week hackathon. Don't worry if you don't have a team, we can place you with one.

During this session, participants will have the opportunity to find out more about the problem facing legal advice charities and ask the panel questions.

#### *Panel:*

Natasha Alton, Charities and Corporate Responsibility Officer, Birmingham Trainee Solicitors Society  
Rachel Sutcliffe, Trainee Solicitor, Anthony Collins  
Amy Tabari, Corporate Responsibility Manager, Gowling WLG  
Michael Bates, Head of Services for Birmingham, Central England Law Centre

### **Family Mediation Clinic at University of Wolverhampton Legal Advice Centre**

*November 2, 2020 @ 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm*

To mark the University Law School's dedication and commitment to pro bono work and clinical legal education, the Legal Advice Centre will be holding a 'Family Mediation Clinic' where a practitioner and qualified mediator will attend the Centre offering free appointments to those who want to find out more about the mediation process, what is involved and how it works.

Shropshire Mediation Services will attend the Legal Advice Centre on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November from 12pm – 2pm, and student volunteers from the University’s Law School will shadow the mediator during the appointments.

To book an appointment, please contact the Legal Advice Centre Manager, Beverley Rizzotto, via email on [beverley.rizzotto@wlv.ac.uk](mailto:beverley.rizzotto@wlv.ac.uk) to book an appointment.

### **Helping at an advice centre – a GLD lawyer’s perspective**

*November 2, 2020 @ 12:15 pm - 1:00 pm*

Government Legal Department members only.

This will be a short talk by the Director of Queen Mary’s Advice Centre and a talk from a GLD lawyer who has recently started to volunteer at the Centre. The talk will give people an idea about the sort of issues that arise in an Advice Centre, and to reassure GLD lawyers that they can help, without needing to have expertise in such issues.

### **Legal Clinic 101: Practical Tips When Advising at Legal Clinics – In House Pro Bono Group**

*November 2, 2020 @ 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm*

Never worked in a legal clinic or feel you could benefit from hearing from some experts in the field? In our first session, we will focus on “**Practical Tips when Advising at Legal Clinics**”.

The session will be presented by **Tim Boyce** and **Charlotte Rendle** from Simmons and Simmons and **Joshua Smith**, Legal Counsel at Schroders.

- Tim is Head of Simmons’ Contentious Regulatory, Crime and Competition team and regularly volunteers at Bristol Law Centre Disputes Clinic.
- Charlotte is a Supervising Associate in Simmons’ Financial Services Regulatory team and is a regular adviser at Battersea Legal Advice Clinic (run by South West London Law Centre) which covers housing, employment, disputes and commercial queries.
- Joshua Smith is Legal Counsel at Schroders in the Investments team. He has previously volunteered at various legal advice clinics including Battersea, City University, Islington and Bethnal Green.

The session will take place on **Monday 2 November at 12.30pm**.

Dial-in details will be circulated before the session.

We very much hope you can make what promises to be an interesting and practical session. *Please forward to in house colleagues who may be interested in volunteering at legal clinics in the future, this is an open event. **The training sessions are not just open to in-house lawyers – we very much welcome and encourage private practice lawyers interested in doing pro bono to attend.***

### **How to work with solicitors – Small Charities Coalition and LawWorks**

*November 2, 2020 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm*

Join us to hear speakers from LawWorks and law firm Reed Smith to describe how Pro bono support from solicitors works and how it can help small charities in particular Suitable for trustees, staff and volunteers of small charities.

**Amicus debate: University of Leicester vs University of Manchester**

November 2, 2020 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Join us to watch the two Amicus student groups debate the motion:

The parties to a criminal trial should have the freedom to vet potential jurors and conduct post-trial analysis



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Everyone is welcome to attend!



Zoom (link to be given soon)



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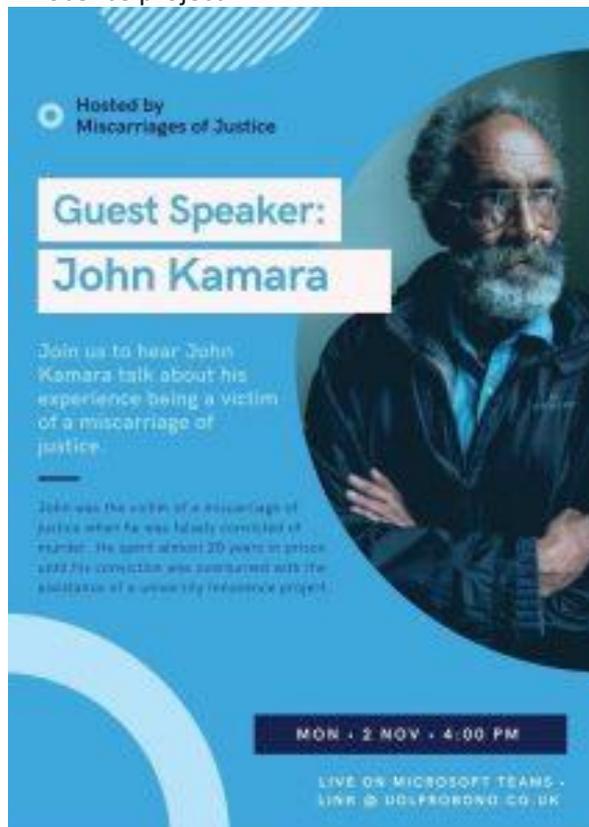


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## John Kamara – Miscarriages of Justice & University of Leicester Pro Bono

November 2, 2020 @ 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Join us to hear John Kamara talk about his experience being a victim of a miscarriage of justice. John was the victim of a miscarriage of justice when he was falsely convicted of murder. He spent almost 20 years in prison until his conviction was overturned with the assistance of a university Innocence project.



## The Role of Pro Bono in Family Justice – FLBA & Advocate

November 2, 2020 @ 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

To celebrate Pro Bono Week, the Family Law Bar Association and Advocate are delighted to invite you to our first ever joint event on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 5-6pm:**

*“Justice is Open to All, ‘Like the Ritz Hotel’ – The Role of Pro Bono in Family Justice.*

Please join us to hear:

- FLBA Chair **Cyrus Larizadeh QC** talk about his pro bono case that ended up in the Supreme Court.
- Doughty Street Barrister **Zimran Samuel** on his experience of running a pro bono scheme to help victims of domestic violence during the lockdown.
- Advocate COO and Head of Casework **Shyam Popat** on a new family scheme designed give last minute help to vulnerable litigants in person.

We also want to hear about your experiences so join us for a lively Q&A to round up the session. If you would like to sign up, please check your FLBA invitation or contact [lnaylor@weareadvocate.org.uk](mailto:lnaylor@weareadvocate.org.uk).

**Pro Bono Panel – University of Liverpool Legal Society**

November 2, 2020 @ 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Pro Bono Panel Talk with Olivia Clark (Pro Bono Associate at DLA Piper) and Simranjeet Kaur Mann (Future Trainee Solicitor).

Invitation-only for University of Liverpool students.

**Amicus Guest Speaker event – University of Leicester Pro Bono**

November 2, 2020 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Open to University of Leicester students only

## GUEST SPEAKER PANEL

Join us as we host two former Amicus interns who will be speaking to us and answering questions about their experiences volunteering in the US

### JESS PURCHASE

Jess is a family law barrister at The 36 Group specialising in children law. She volunteered in Oklahoma in 2017 and 2018 in the Public Defenders' Office



Microsoft Teams



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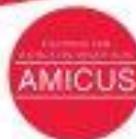
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### LAHRAIB IQBAL

Lahraib is a BPTC student at Nottingham Law School. She volunteered in Maryland in 2019 in a small mitigation non-profit organisation



## OFFICIAL LAUNCH Pro Bono Week 2020: panel debate; beyond the pandemic

November 2, 2020 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

The official launch of the 19th Pro Bono Week, recognising and supporting the voluntary contribution made by lawyers across the UK in giving free legal help to those in need. In this year of unprecedented challenges, for both the voluntary and legal sectors, pro bono legal help has never been more important.

The launch event will take place online, and will host a panel of speakers from across England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, each exploring the role of pro bono through the pandemic, and discussing how we can build on the understanding gained this year.

We hope you can join us online for what promises to be an interesting evening.

**18:00** Joining & networking

**18:30** Welcome and panel session

The panel will be chaired by **Catherine Baksi** (award-winning legal journalist and barrister), with the following panellists:

- **Elizabeth Archer & Jasmine Ashley-Tagoe (representing England)**. Elizabeth is the Service Design Lead at Toynbee Hall, and Jasmine is the manager of the Free Legal Advice Centre (FLAC) at Toynbee Hall. FLAC ran online clinics this year with the support of pro bono partners and also offers online triage to clients.
- **Mungo Bovey QC (representing Scotland)**. Mungo is a practising QC, Keeper of the Library of the Faculty of Advocates and Convenor, Faculty of Advocates' Free Legal Services Unit.
- **Lord Stephens (representing Northern Ireland)**. Lord Stephens is a Northern Ireland judge who serves as a Justice of the United Kingdom Supreme Court.
- **Nathan Vidini (representing Wales)**. Nathan is the Founder and Director of AltraLaw: the UK's first not-for-profit law firm, which launched in March this year and asks all employees to meet an annual pro bono target.

**19:30** Networking

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

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**'The Ethics of Pro Bono' seminar – LawWorks & University of Bristol**

November 3, 2020 @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

*"For the things we have to learn before we can do them, we learn by doing them."* Aristotle, Ethics. This half day seminar, run jointly by LawWorks and University of Bristol Law School, looks at the ethics of pro bono. This goes beyond the "codes of conduct" that bind the legal professions, and will discuss the moral principles and motivations of working to improve access to justice through clinics and clinical legal education, as well as the practical challenges of ethics for pro bono clinics. It will be of value to all those (whether you're a researcher, clinic co-ordinator or practitioner) interested in ethical questions that may arise in a pro bono context – both in theory and practice.

9 am – Introduction/welcome

**Professor Stephen Mayson** – the ethics landscape in light of his report on the "Independent Review of Legal Services Regulation".

9.15 – 10.15am – Panel session 1: Doing legal ethics

Every day pro bono clinics put ethics into practice – helping for free those needing legal advice, responding to a growing need, and serving the public good ("pro bono publico"). The introduction session will hear reflections on the ethics of pro bono, and the positive story that clinics have to tell.

Chair – **John Peake** (University of Bristol)

Panellists:

**James Sandbach** (LawWorks)

**Elaine Hall** (Northumbria University)

**Nathan Fitzpatrick** (Law Centres Network)

**Victoria Channing** (Simmons & Simmons)

*Break*

10.30 – 12pm – Panel session 2: Clinical practice in an ethical context

Running pro bono clinics can be challenging, there are issues of regulation, university governance, training, support and sustainability to navigate – ethics matter, clients matter, and volunteers matter. The panel will discuss practical challenges within an ethics landscape, and panellists will consider how ethics, standards, regulation and education intersect. Panellists will then move into smaller Q & A breakout rooms with attendees to discuss these issues in more detail, raise challenges, air frustrations and consider solutions.

Chair – **Richard Pitkethly** (LawWorks)

Panellists:

**Richard Moorhead** (University of Exeter)

**Omar Madhloom** and **Andrew Charlesworth** (University of Bristol)

**Jane Jarman** (Nottingham Trent University)

**Tim Cave** (East Greenwich Legal Advice Clinic)

**Valerie Robertson** (The Law Society of England and Wales)

11.50 am – 12pm – Wrap up, next steps and close

**John Peake** (University of Bristol)

### Legal Clinic 101: Housing Law with Jones Day – In House Pro Bono Group

November 3, 2020 @ 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Our second session will be on housing issues (including Section 21 eviction notices) and will be presented by **Liz Robertson** and **Greg Barden**. You will be given a case study highlighting issues frequently seen in legal clinics, information on legislation and court forms and practical responses on how to assist your client.

The session will take place on **Tuesday 3 November from 12.30 to 1.30pm**.

Liz is the head of pro bono in Jones Day's London Office who currently volunteers at legal clinics. Greg is a property litigation partner at Jones Day with extensive experience in housing disputes who has assisted pro bono volunteers on housing issues for many years.

Dial in details will be circulated before the session.

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### Scotland Legal Roundtable – TrustLaw

November 3, 2020 @ 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

TrustLaw invites you to attend its virtual Legal Roundtable: Strengthening pro bono in Scotland. We will share our Championing Pro Bono Guide and facilitate a conversation about helpful practices as well as challenges and lessons learnt. We will also hear about current pro bono legal opportunities in Scotland as well as a pro bono case study.

TrustLaw is the Thomson Reuters Foundation's free global pro bono legal service. We connect the best lawyers in the world to non-profits and social enterprises working to create social and environmental change. We work with legal teams, both law firms and in-house teams, globally to help spread the practice of pro bono worldwide.

As part of our work, we help assess what pro bono legal teams are doing already (if any) and offer resources to make it easier to do more pro bono. Earlier this year, we launched our Championing Pro Bono Guide, which covers a range of ways lawyers can assess and strengthen their team's pro bono work. It includes a checklist to assess your firm's pro bono practice, as well as resources on debunking common pro bono myths and tips to make the most of your pro bono experience.

During this **virtual Legal Roundtable**, we will introduce our Guide and facilitate a conversation about ways to assess and strengthen your firm's pro bono work. The virtual session will be an inclusive space to share helpful practices and lessons learnt together with lawyers from firms of all sizes and at different stages of their pro bono journey. It will be hosted under the Chatham House Rules.

We will also hear from TrustLaw, Inspiring Scotland and the University of Edinburgh on current pro bono opportunities in Scotland, as well as learnings from a pro bono matter in support of a Scottish non-profit.

## The use of technology in pro bono – advantages, pitfalls and lessons learned

November 3, 2020 @ 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm



A session presented by the IBA Pro Bono Committee. When considering using technology in the provision of pro bono services, it is important to first understand and learn from others as to what has and has not worked. The session will discuss the importance of a design-based and user-based approach to understand and best identify how to design systems that meet the needs of users, including topics such as crowdfunding, the use of blockchain technology and the digitization of the free legal advice community.

Panelists include:

David Greene, Vice-President, Law Society of England and Wales

James Harper, Lexis Nexis

Ana Higuera Garrido, Fernando Pombo Foundation, Madrid, Spain

PLUS – Access to virtual post-session networking

Participants will also have access to a virtual Networking Hub at the end of this session for attendees to join and video chat with other participants. Delegates can join and move around the tables to interact with multiple people in one networking session. A link to access the Networking Hub will be provided at the end of the session.

## Covid 19: Remote Access to Justice, challenges and solutions – Westminster & Holborn Law Society Pro Bono and CSR Sub-Committee

November 3, 2020 @ 5:00 pm - 6:15 pm

The Mary Ward Legal Centre and Support Through Court provide vital pro bono legal and support services to members of the community. Their work has become all the more critical during the pandemic as people attempt to access legal advice and the courts through remote means. The panellists will explore how they have adapted their services and the challenges they have faced. Further, Ashley Palmer will provide an insight into her work with a specific focus on techniques and practical tips she uses to work with clients who are facing remote hearings and remote mediation. The panellists are:

- **Jovana Ugrinic**, Service Manager of the London Family Courts at Support Through Court;
- **Gabriel Olufadeji & Patricia Ng**, both Legal Service Advisors from the Mary Ward Legal Centre; and
- **Ashley Palmer**, an accredited Family Mediator, Family Consultant, and Psychotherapist at A. Palmer & Associates.

The panel will be chaired by **Shaila Pal**, Chair of the Committee and Director of King's Legal Clinic of Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London.

## Pro Bono in Wales: Opportunities for all

November 3, 2020 @ 5:30 pm - 6:45 pm

To celebrate Pro Bono Week 2020 and the efforts of all those in the private legal and third sectors offering free legal advice to our local communities, this free online event will mark the achievements of the sector – and, importantly, highlight opportunities for lawyers to get involved in life-changing free legal advice during the pandemic.

As free legal advice clinics have started to reopen and offer support in new ways to communities in Wales – and with some new clinics opening – we thought Pro Bono Week 2020 was an excellent opportunity to showcase how lawyers can get involved – even if they only have the bare minimum of time to give to Pro Bono – and explain the benefits of getting involved, at any stage of your legal career. More on Pro Bono Week 2020 can be found at the foot of this page. **#WeDoProBono**.

This FREE event is hosted by Legal News Wales, LawWorks Cymru, AltraLaw and The Law Society Wales and will be facilitated via Zoom.

What to expect

**My Pro Bono journey in Wales:** We'll hear from lawyers who have significant experience in Pro Bono work but with varied professional backgrounds and at different stages of their career. They'll share how Pro Bono has enhanced and motivated them, both professionally and personally, and why all lawyers should consider this – at any stage of their career.

How legal advice clinics have fared during the pandemic and opportunities for all lawyers: A panel of Welsh legal advice clinics, charities and LawWorks Cymru will also join us to outline the Pro Bono initiatives and opportunities available to help you on your – or your colleagues' – Pro Bono journey. This is especially important as there are new and perhaps less known clinics working hard to support local communities in Wales, and they need help.

Not all the opportunities involved clinic support, as LawWorks Cymru will explain. An unexpected outcome of the Coronavirus pandemic is the normalisation of remote support and guidance, which offers time-poor lawyers a way to help, and make a real difference while broadening their experience and skill sets.

Programme

- **Welcome** from Emma Waddingham, Editor of Legal News Wales
- **Nathan Vidini, Founder of AltraLaw introduces our Keynote Speaker:** Acting Regional Employment Judge, Sian Davies
- **My Pro Bono Journey in Wales:**
  - Daniela Mahapatra, Deputy Director, NWSSP Legal & Risk ([profile](#))
  - Jonathan Rhys Williams, Trainee Solicitor, Watkins & Gunn ([profile](#))
  - Nathan Vidini, Founder, AltraLaw ([profile](#))
  - Nia Godsmark, Peter Lynn & Partners ([profile](#))
- **Legal Advice Clinic Panel:**
  - Aberystwyth Uni Veteran's Clinic: Dr Olaoluwa Olusanya, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Law and Criminology ([clinic profile](#)) ([speaker profile](#))
  - Swansea Law Clinic: Professor Richard Owen, Legal Studies, Swansea University ([clinic profile](#)) ([speaker profile](#))
  - Cardiff Lawyers Care: Clive Thomas, Cardiff & District Law Society and Managing Partner, Watkins & Gunn ([profile](#)), and The Wallich
  - ELIPS (Employment Litigant in Person Support) ([scheme profile](#))

- Rhondda Cynon Taff Citizens Advice: Ashley Comley, CEO ([clinic profile](#))
- **Alternative opportunities for Pro Bono in the pandemic:** Martin Barnes, Chief Executive, LawWorks, joined by his colleagues Fatima Bhula, [Pro Bono Connect](#), and Matt Hunt, [Not-for-Profits Programme](#).
- **Q&A**
- Event close (6:45pm)

### **The Most Powerful You – Edinburgh Law School Pro Bono and Clinical Legal Education Department** November 3, 2020 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

In association with ProBonoSkills.com, internationally acclaimed executive, careers coach and writer Kathy Caprino presents 'The Most Powerful You: Finding "Brave" so that you can Rock Your Pro Bono Work and beyond'.

The majority of lawyers and law students in Scotland are now womxn. By popular request, this training will focus on helping female law students to "find brave" so that they can do more, help more, and achieve more for Scotland's communities.

This event is only open to students, at Edinburgh and beyond. You will need a .edu or .ac.uk email to register.

### **Project LIGHT – University of Leicester Pro Bono** November 3, 2020 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Hosted by the University of Leicester Pro Bono: A debate brought to you by Project LIGHT and the Insight Project.

- Should a right to housing be a part of the United Kingdom law?
- Universal Basic Income – should it be introduced?
- Legal Aid – are the cuts in legal aid justified? Does legal aid provide sufficient protection to the community?

### **A Celebration of International Pro Bono – A4ID** November 3, 2020 @ 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

As part of [National Pro Bono Week](#), A4ID's ROLE UK Programme invites you for an evening of celebration that will virtually showcase partnerships and pro bono work undertaken between the UK legal and developmental sector and their counterparts in developing countries.

Speakers will represent a range of organisations, including:

- Evolve – Foundation For International Legal Assistance (EVOLVE-FILA)
- Reprieve
- Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
- East Africa Law Society (EALS)
- Advocates for International Development (A4ID).

Each of the speakers will deliver a fast-paced and visual PechaKucha© -style presentation about the successes and lessons learned from their international legal and judicial pro bono partnership programmes of work. Through interactive questions and time for networking, the audience will be

encouraged to engage with interactive questions and share their ideas with diverse stakeholders on best practices for delivering international pro bono assistance through the pandemic and beyond.

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. Please contact [roleuk@a4id.org](mailto:roleuk@a4id.org) for additional information.

Wednesday 4th November 2020

**Access to Justice: Successes & Failures in the Remote Provision of Legal Advice (C-19 and Beyond....) – Collaborative Plan UKademy Committee**

*November 4, 2020 @ 9:00 am - 10:00 am*

The Collaborative Plan UKademy Committee cordially invites you to join an esteemed panel including:

- **Alison Lamb:** CEO RCJ Advice, Royal Courts of Justice,
- **Lucy Isaac:** Tribunals Coordinator, Z2K
- **Julie Bishop:** Director, Law Centres Network
- **Eddie Coppinger:** Director of the Legal Advice Centre (University House)
- **Phil Worthington:** Director, European Lawyers in Lesvos

For a discussion on how the remote working era accelerated by the coronavirus pandemic has changed the way in which we serve clients. Different settings will be looked at including: (i) welfare benefits tribunals; (ii) remote court hearings; (iii) legal advice centre support; and (iv) international legal assistance to asylum seekers.

Stories will be shared of the successes and failures of the last 6 months as well as the lessons learnt as we look forward to working through the rest of the pandemic and the remote-working era that we face beyond.

The event is open to all.

**Pro Bono and the Sustainable Development Goals – home and abroad – LawWorks & A4ID**

*November 4, 2020 @ 10:00 am - 11:30 am*

In 2015, the United Nations Member States adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, underpinned by 17 key Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The goals represent targeted areas for global improvement and broadly relate to areas such as health, education, equality and environmental sustainability – with ambitious goals to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all by 2030.

Law firms and legal practitioners both in the UK and internationally undertake a substantial amount of pro bono work aimed at reducing poverty which can contribute to the realisation of these goals; whilst the SDGs are often seen as benchmarks for international development work, many of the SDG's – for example SDGs 10, 11 and 16 – 'reduced inequalities', 'sustainable cities and communities' and 'justice and strong institutions' – are equally relevant to domestic pro bono in the UK and the challenges we face in recovering from the Covid-19 pandemic.

This panel session which will take place in Pro Bono Week will discuss the crossover and relevance of the SDG's to pro bono work both in the UK and internationally, including pro bono work supporting NGOs from small charities to wider global civil society alliances. Law firms as business entities also have important responsibilities to ensure that their own operations can further the SDGs, particularly with respect to diversity and inclusion, the environment, supply-chain awareness, and community engagement. From volunteering through legal advice clinics which serve vulnerable communities and support access to justice – to using legal skills to build capacity in civil society, pro bono has an role to play both in the UK and globally to strengthen commitments to achieving these goals.

Chair, **Baroness Scotland QC**, Secretary General of the Commonwealth.

Panellists

- **Tom Dunn**, Pro Bono Director, Clifford Chance
- **Sung-Hyui Park**, Senior Associate, Bates Wells
- **Naina Patel**, Barrister Blackstone Chambers
- **Yasmin Batliwala**, Chief Executive, Advocates for International Development (A4ID)
- **James Sandbach**, Director of Policy, LawWorks
- **Tom Tugendhat MP**, Chair of the Foreign Affairs Select Committee

This is a joint event put together by LawWorks and A4ID.

All those with an interest in pro bono and the SDG, or if you want to find out more about the SDGs and their application to pro bono, are encouraged to attend.

### **Family Law Clinic at Dads House – Kensington and Chelsea**

*November 4, 2020 @ 10:00 am - 1:30 pm*

The Dads House legal clinic will be marking the importance of Pro Bono Week by continuing its dedication to providing advice to those who need it most.

The clinic will be open **10am – 1.30pm**, as it has been throughout the whole of lockdown, to give legal guidance to both mothers and fathers. Family lawyer Simon Bruce will be running the sessions and will be joined by two law students. The clinic has vowed to stay open even in the face of the new government guidelines.

### **Students: the vanguard of pro bono – Birmingham Law Society Pro Bono Committee**

*November 4, 2020 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm*

A roundtable event to engage and encourage law students to get involved in pro bono at this early stage in their learning and inspire them to continue doing pro bono through their legal career. Students from various educational providers in Birmingham will provide case studies on their pro bono experiences along with recruitment managers at Eversheds Sutherland, Gowling WLG and Anthony Collins Solicitors explaining what they look for in a graduate and why pro bono can help students develop the skills they need to work in law.

### **Realising Our Potential – In House Pro Bono Group**

*November 4, 2020 @ 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm*

The In House Pro Bono Group invites you to join us for a webinar primarily aimed at the in-house legal community focussing on how in-house lawyers and their legal departments can participate in pro bono work, and why it is so important for us to do so, now more than ever, in these difficult times.

Last year the In House Pro Bono Guidance was launched, providing detailed advice and practical tips on how to find, encourage, and facilitate pro bono work in house. This webinar will focus on looking further at the resource of the in-house legal community and how it can provide support to those who need legal assistance the most, but can't afford it, and to realise our own potential in this area. We will have some great panellists who are hugely experienced in how in-house legal departments can best set themselves up to provide pro bono support, as well as from private practice and the

voice of the client.

**Chair:** Antonio Suarez-Martinez (Assistant General Counsel, GSK)

**Panellists:**

*Luke Arbuthnot*, Executive Director and Senior Counsel, Goldman Sachs

*Valerie Farkas*, EMEA General Counsel, Bloomberg

*Diane Sechi*, Pro Bono Coordinator at Simmons & Simmons

*Harmitt Springett*, General Counsel at Centrepont

Due to restrictions imposed as a result of COVID19, and to ensure the maximum attendance, we have decided to hold this event virtually via Microsoft Teams. Please register via the weblink below. Access details will be provided closer to the event. Whilst the session is aimed at in-house lawyers, we welcome anybody who is interested in assisting the in-house community develop and grow its pro bono work to attend.

We will cover:

- Establishing a pro bono practice / finding pro bono opportunities
- Identifying and encouraging volunteers, sponsors and champions
- Effective partnering with external counsel
- The value of pro bono work to clients
- Whether virtual working presents more opportunities to assist
- Practical advice
  - Engagement letters
  - Insurance
  - Capturing hours
  - Rewarding pro bono work

**The power of pro bono – PILS Project & the Law Society of Northern Ireland**

*November 4, 2020 @ 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm*

Join the PILS Project and the Law Society of Northern Ireland during UK Pro Bono Week as they host a virtual session on the power of pro bono for your CV in times of COVID.

Engaging in pro bono work has lots of potential benefits for legal professionals. Not only does it open you up to new areas of law, it can also enhance your career prospects.

At a time when networking with colleagues and creating learning opportunities are more logistically difficult, recently qualified solicitors and barristers are particularly affected by the impact of COVID-19 on the profession.

This free event is open to all, but will be of particular interest to recently qualified legal professionals and law students.

Chair: **Sinead Mulhern** – Solicitor

1. **Jenny Cunningham**, co-chair of the Young Bar NI

3. **Nicholas Lennon**, Bar of NI's Pro Bono Unit

4. **Dr Esther McGuinness**, founder/co-director of Ulster University's Law Clinic

5. **Frederick Reilly** Solicitor & Northern Ireland Young Solicitors' Association Representative

### **“For Sama” Virtual Viewing – University of Edinburgh Pro Bono Society**

*November 4, 2020 @ 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm*

*\*University of Edinburgh students & members only\**

We will be streaming the documentary via Microsoft Teams. You will be invited to join a Team before the event date. Please make sure you can access Teams through your University of Edinburgh email address and that you are using the same email address to register for your ticket on Eventbrite.

Please [click here](#) to donate to Indigo Volunteers via our Golden Giving page and find out more about [Indigo Volunteers](#) by clicking on the link to go to their website.

“For Sama” is a documentary film surrounding the 5 year journey of filmmaker and journalist Waad al-Kateab and her daughter, Sama, during the Syrian Civil War. As one of the BAFTA’s most nominated feature documentary, “For Sama” has been said to be deeply moving and powerful. We are wanting to air this documentary to educate our members and ourselves, on the on-going Syrian Civil War and how devastating and impactful it is, whilst raising money for an organisation that helps provide volunteers to support these type of crises. Indigo Volunteers is a charity that assists with humanitarian projects, including the refugee crisis. As the Pro Bono Society aims at promoting access to justice, we are creating this fundraiser to help support Indigo Volunteers in their goal for providing volunteers to help assist in these crises across the globe.

We are wanting to promote this fundraiser with Indigo Volunteers with this primary launch event for Pro Bono Week UK 2020 with the documentary viewing, but we will be continuing to help raise money through other initiatives, such as an upcoming virtual baking challenge that will take place across our social media accounts.

### **Pro Bono after COVID – how can we do more for you? – The Faculty of Advocates’ Free Legal Services Unit**

*November 4, 2020 @ 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm*

The Faculty of Advocates’ Free Legal Services Unit is keen to help as many people as possible to gain access to justice. For this online seminar, we have asked all our accredited advice agencies to join us to discuss the Unit’s processes and how we might work together to reach more people. This event is open only to invited agencies.

Organisations interested to attend should contact [flsu@advocates.org.uk](mailto:flsu@advocates.org.uk).

### **Temple Church Evensong, for Pro Bono Week**

*November 4, 2020 @ 5:45 pm - 6:30 pm*

With an address by [Michael Napier QC](#) and readings from [Tanya Murshed](#) (Bar Pro Bono Award winner & Founder, [Evolve Foundation](#)) and [Toby Brown](#) (Chair, Pro Bono Week committee)

In person, and online.

Livestream [YouTube link](#)

### **Collaborating during a pandemic: the challenges and successes of a joint transition to remote working – BPP University**

*November 4, 2020 @ 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm*

Panel event hosted by BPP University and chaired by Laura Richards, Pro Bono Manager at BPP University.

Panellists include:

1. Chloe O'Brien, pro bono lawyer from Simmons and Simmons
2. Farzana Begum, Inclusion & CSR Executive, Macfarlanes
3. Olivier Peeters, Trainee Solicitor at Skadden and former BPP student
4. Olivia McLaughlin, former BPP student,
5. Joanna Pogonska, former BPP student,

The panel will share their experience of how they have worked together during the pandemic to overcome the challenges of delivering legal services remotely. The session offers a useful insight to both practitioners and students on the options available to support clients in the absence of face to face appointments and how to offer and secure meaningful pro bono experience in a remote environment.

### **Climate Change and Commercial Law – KCL Pro Bono Society's Climate Justice Project**

*November 4, 2020 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm*

The King's College London Pro Bono Society's Climate Justice Project is excited to invite representatives from Clifford Chance, CMS, Herbert Smith Freehills, and Linklaters to discuss the impact of climate change upon commercial law.

This event will look at the impact of climate change upon each firm's commercial work, their pro bono initiatives, and the way in which they operate. Students will also have the opportunity to have their questions answered in a follow-up Q&A, and will be able to take part in a virtual networking session.

### **Giving Back to Move Forward – pro bono for junior lawyers**

*November 4, 2020 @ 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm*

Kindly hosted by Penningtons Manches Cooper LLP via Zoom, our esteemed panellists will be sharing their experience in relation to how pro bono work has shaped their careers, and why pro bono work is important. The panel discussion will be introduced by the UK's Solicitor General, the Right Honourable Michael Ellis QC MP.

We hope you can join us for what will be an insightful discussion on this important topic during national Pro Bono Week.

*Keynote Speaker: RT Hon Michael Ellis QC MP*

*Panellists:*

- **Mandy Gill**, Head of Legal at [The British Red Cross](#)
- **Elizabeth Mason**, Committee Member of JLSLA and Associate at Reed Smith LLP
- **Michael Polak**, President of MTYBA and Barrister at Church Court Chambers

– *Chaired by:* **Charlotte Hill**, President of JLSLA and Senior Associate at Penningtons Manches Cooper LLP

Don't miss this cross-collaboration event where you will have the opportunity to virtually move around networking tables meeting others in your industry.

Attendance to both the panel discussion and virtual networking is FREE but you must register below to attend either or both sessions:

**Panel Discussion** – Please register [here](#) to access the panel discussion event between 18:00-19:15.

**Virtual Networking** – Please register [here](#) to join the virtual networking after the panel from 19:15.

Please note, you will need to access the networking after the panel discussion by joining the Remo link provided. Guidance on how to set up Remo and the event link will be shared with you on Monday 02 November evening, ahead of the event.

Attendance is not limited to LYLG, JLSLA/LSLA or MTYBA members.  
We look forward to seeing you there!

### **Advocate's Bar Pro Bono Awards**

*November 4, 2020 @ 7:15 pm - 8:00 pm*

Sponsored by LexisNexis, the 2020 Bar Pro Bono Awards are bigger, better and more virtual than ever!

Join us as we celebrate the amazing pro bono work that has been undertaken this year at all levels of seniority and across the country. Cheer on your friends and colleagues and maybe even get some inspiration for your next piece of pro bono. All of the nominees have done extraordinary work, but join us to find out which of them have won the 2020 Bar Pro Bono Awards! [Watch it all happen on Youtube here.](#)

Check out the full list of nominees [on the website](#) and if you're tweeting about the awards, make sure to use #BarProBonoAwards so we can see who you're supporting and which pieces of work impressed you the most.

Thursday 5th November 2020

**#GoTheExtraMile for Justice day**

November 5, 2020



Take part in the Access to Justice Foundation's #GoTheExtraMile for Justice day on Thursday **5<sup>th</sup> November in celebration of Pro Bono Week 2020!**

Challenge yourself to **Go the Extra Mile for Justice** with the Access to Justice Foundation and help support free legal advice services across the UK this Pro Bono Week.

We've chosen **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November** as Go the Extra Mile for Justice day! A special day for the legal community to join together to raise money and awareness for the access to justice sector and the role Pro Bono work plays in helping vulnerable people in the UK get access to free legal help. Show your support and get involved by signing up to your own #GoTheExtraMile fundraising challenge and completing it on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

You could Go the Extra Mile for Justice by:

- Walking 5K
- Running 10 miles
- Swimming 25 laps
- Rowing 2 miles
- Rollerblading around the garden
- Going up and down the stairs 100 times

Or whatever method you like – it's up to you!

How to get involved:

1. Choose your activity
2. Choose your distance
3. Sign up via the website: <https://bit.ly/2OdcP2Y>
4. Fundraise\* or donate <https://bit.ly/3hroqPq>
5. Carry out your challenge on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November

\*Once you sign up, we will set you up with your own Virgin Money Giving page to make fundraising as easy as possible!

Keep going that extra mile!

We're fundraising for Go the Extra Mile for Justice for the rest of the year, so if you can't take part in the #GotheExtraMile for Justice day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November, you can spread your challenge over the next few weeks, or even months!

Go the Extra Mile for Justice is sponsored by the Law Society of England and Wales and CJCH Solicitors. For more information on the event, or to discuss your challenge, contact Laura Cassidy [events@atjf.org.uk](mailto:events@atjf.org.uk)

### **Pro Bono Charter Forum – The Law Society of England and Wales**

*November 5, 2020 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am*

Held virtually for the first time, the Forum will focus on a review of the Law Society's Pro Bono Charter, benefits of being a Pro Bono Charter signatory and Communications.

Law firms, in-house teams, ABS, law schools and other organisations who are a Pro Bono Charter signatory are invited to join this meeting. For further information, please contact Valerie Robertson on [Valerie.Robertson@lawsociety.org.uk](mailto:Valerie.Robertson@lawsociety.org.uk)

### **Tackling Online Sexual Exploitation of Children: Strengthening sentences for UK offenders – IJM**

*November 5, 2020 @ 10:00 am - 11:30 am*

IJM UK would like to invite you to a virtual roundtable to discuss how we better tackle demand in the UK for the online sexual exploitation of children (OSEC).

IJM's End OSEC Hub, based in the Philippines, will shortly be publishing a report examining a trend of lenient sentences for those convicted of OSEC-related offences in the UK. We are concerned that the sentences imposed on UK offenders are not commensurate with the serious of the harm they have caused to children around the world..

This roundtable will be a chance to discuss the report's findings and recommendations. In addition to IJM's team in the Philippines, we will be joined by:

- Iain Drennan, Executive Director, WePROTECT Global Alliance
- Sara Carnegie, Director, Legal Projects, International Bar Association
- Dame Sara Thornton, Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner

Contact [euan.fraser@ijmuk.org](mailto:euan.fraser@ijmuk.org) for joining information

### **Advocate Clerks' Pro Bono Hour – with the IBC and ABC Chambers Solutions**

*November 5, 2020 @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm*

The Institute of Barristers' Clerks, ABC Chambers Solutions and Advocate invite you to join us on Thursday 5th November as we jointly host a clerks' and practice managers' hour in Pro Bono Week 2020.

Come and meet with other clerks and practice managers and the Advocate Casework Team to talk about the successes and challenges of pro bono at the current time. This is an opportunity to get to know how other sets are managing the pro bono process and how sets in the know use pro bono as a tool to manage practice development and secure new business.

Please register so we can send a Zoom link in advance.

11am start on Zoom.

11.30am break out rooms and discussion.

We look forward to meeting you!

### **Introduction to Employment Law – Government Legal Department**

*November 5, 2020 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm*

Government Legal Department members only.

Lawyers from GLD's Employment Group kindly offered to give a talk on common employment law issues, including breaches of contractual rights, discrimination, unfair dismissal and redundancy.

### **The Big Hack – The Chancery Lane Project**

*November 5, 2020 @ 12:00 pm - November 6, 2020 @ 7:00 pm*

Run by the Chancery Lane Project and taking place **November 5 – 6** – two days of live hacking, that goes 'around the world' across Asia-Pacific, Europe and UK and the Americas, starting at midday GMT. Click the link below to read more and register...

The [**Chancery Lane**] Project is the code name for the focused and collaborative effort of lawyers from around the world to develop new contracts and model laws to help fight climate change.

**Our vision** is a world where every contract and law enable solutions to climate change.

A world in which legal frameworks enable and encourage businesses and communities to have a positive impact on the environment.

**Our purpose** is to help create practical legal solutions to reverse climate change using collaborative problem solving. Rewiring contracts and laws to create new market norms for lawyers and lawmakers to use.

We are part of a global effort of legal professionals, empowering business and communities to transition to net zero emissions. We believe every lawyer can make a difference.

The project is aligned with and supports the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals relating to climate action and the UK's emissions reduction target, enshrined in law, to reach net zero by 2050. We do not profess to have all the answers to the climate crisis, and we are not trying to own the solutions.

From the very beginning, the project has not been about individual lawyers or firms, but rather the collective effort of the entire legal profession to make a positive impact.

Our voice is separate and independent from any one firm, chambers or professional membership. This allows a new conversation to happen and a freedom to innovate

We are, with the best of intentions, using our legal skills to accelerate solutions to climate change in a politically and professionally neutral manner.

### **Legal Clinic 101: Employment Law with Simmons & Simmons – In House Pro Bono Group**

*November 5, 2020 @ 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm*

This session of the Legal Clinic 101 series will be on employment law issues and will be presented by **Peter Lockwood from Simmons & Simmons**. This will be a one hour lunch and learn session. Employment law is one of the most high demand areas at legal clinics and we expect an increase in queries further to the Covid 19 pandemic.

Peter is a Managing Associate in Simmons & Simmons' Employment team and has been a regular advisor at Battersea Legal Advice Centre since 2012. Read more about his experiences [here](#).

The session will take place on **Thursday 5 November from 12.30pm to 1.30pm**. It will cover will cover employment law basics and some practical tips on how to advise on typical employment scenarios.

Dial in details will be circulated before the session.

We very much hope you can make what promises to be an interesting and practical session. *Please forward to in house colleagues who may be interested in volunteering at legal clinics in the future, this is an open event. The training sessions are not just open to in-house lawyers – we very much welcome and encourage private practice lawyers interested in doing pro bono to attend.*

### **The role of pro bono in environmental protection – Environmental Law Foundation**

*November 5, 2020 @ 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm*

An interactive webinar with 4 public interest barristers and one solicitor.

Interviewer **Emma Louise Fenelon** of 1 Crown Office Row will interview:

- **Ned Westaway** (Francis Taylor Buildings)
- **Nina Pindham** (No5 Chambers)
- **James Corbet Burcher** (No5 Chambers) and
- **Emma Montlake** (ELF)

They are all former ELF interns who will speak about how they started their careers in environmental law through their work on pro-bono public interest and environmental cases. Speakers will illustrate by example the specific skills that can be developed and improved by getting involved in pro bono work.

The event is exclusive for students at ELF partner universities.

### **Law in Society Virtual Session – Edinburgh Law School Pro Bono and Clinical Legal Education Department**

*November 5, 2020 @ 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm*

The Pro Bono and Clinical Legal Education (CLE) Department of Edinburgh Law School is hosting a virtual 'Law in Society' session in place of our annual Pro Bono Fair, as part of Pro Bono Week which is commencing on 2 November 2020. Pro Bono Week has ran for the past 19 years and this year, we really want to shine a light on the pro bono work occurring throughout Scotland.

The intention for our 'Law in Society' session is to highlight and celebrate the excellent pro bono work of charities and other organisations we partner with throughout Scotland and around the globe. Charities and others will be showcasing their work by making short presentations during the afternoon.

We want to provide an opportunity for students and other members of the legal profession to virtually speak to representatives from these charities and organisations after their presentations and during the Q&A to find out how they contribute invaluable to our society through their pro bono work. It is the perfect time to enquire about any volunteering opportunities available. Please register your interest here on Eventbrite and we will contact you with the session joining details in due course.

### **Celebrating Pro Bono in Bristol**

*November 5, 2020 @ 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm*

Bristol Pro Bono Group is passionate about access to justice. We encourage lawyers to work with local universities and community groups to deliver pro bono advice to individuals who don't have access to legal advice. We also work collaboratively to identify not-for-profit organisations working in the public interest who need legal assistance.

Join us on **5 November (5pm – 6pm)** to understand how our members are working together to increase engagement in pro bono projects in the South-West and to learn about how lawyers can really make a difference in their communities.

The session will include contributions from:

- BPP
- Bristol Law Centre
- Osborne Clarke
- Simmons & Simmons
- TrustLaw
- University of Law
- University of the West of England

A Zoom link will be circulated to those who have registered a couple of days prior to the event.

Thanks in advance to **Bristol Law Society** who will be hosting the event.

### **Street Law Quiz – University of Leicester Pro Bono**

*November 5, 2020 @ 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm*

During Pro Bono Week, the Street Law team (Pro Bono project) are holding their annual quiz! Teams of 5 / 6

### **Virtual Volunteering in a Pandemic – CLIPS & ELIPS**

*November 5, 2020 @ 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm*

With contributions from Chancery Bar Litigant in Person Support Scheme (CLIPS) & Employment Tribunal Litigant in Person Support Scheme (ELIPS).

A panel of CLIPS/ELIPS volunteers, organisers and judges will discuss their experiences of volunteering remotely, their tips for dealing with LIPS and the benefits of pro bono work.

Please submit any questions to: [admin@chba.org.uk](mailto:admin@chba.org.uk)

Panellists include:

- **Judge Barry Clarke**, President of the Employment Tribunals (England and Wales)
- **David E Grant**, Outer Temple Chambers
- **HHJ Johns QC**
- **Diana Kirsch**, Director of pro bono at the University of Hertfordshire
- **Daniela Mahapatra**, Deputy Director of Legal & Risk Services, NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership
- **Naomi Owen**, Barrister
- **Christine Wheeler**, Pro Bono Administrator, ELIPS
- **Jennifer McGrandle**, Chair of the Employment Lawyers' Association Pro Bono Committee
- Chair: **Andrew de Mestre QC**, Chair of the Chancery Bar Association Pro Bono Committee

### **Kenneth B. Clark: a fireside chat – ProBonoSkills.com**

*November 5, 2020 @ 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm*

Join ProBonoSkills.com for a Fireside Chat with Kenneth B. Clark as he reflects on his career and the importance of [#probono](#) at every point in your legal career.

ProBonoSkills.com presents a Virtual Fireside Chat with Kenneth B. Clark, Partner and Chair of Fenwick's award-winning tax controversy practice and alum of New York University School of Law. Answering questions put to him by PBS co-founder Aideen Byrne, Kenneth will share stories and lessons learnt from his life in the law, reflecting, in particular, on the value and importance of pro bono to practitioners, the profession and wider society.

This event is only open to students, at Edinburgh and beyond. You will need a .edu or .ac.uk email to register. If you are a lawyer in practice and would like to attend, please contact us at [contact@probonoskills.com](mailto:contact@probonoskills.com)

### **Pro Bono Opportunities for Young Lawyers in Scotland – Scottish Young Lawyers' Association**

*November 5, 2020 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm*

SYLA are delighted to host a panel discussion for Pro Bono Week on the topic of pro bono opportunities for young lawyers. The event will give attendees an insight in to the benefits of pro bono for lawyers and the reasons why it is so important for our wider community. The event will proceed by way of a panel discussion on key topics followed by a Q&A session.

Attendees will hear from a panel of speakers including:

- **Rebecca Samaras**, Director of Pro Bono and Clinical Legal Education at the University of Edinburgh
- **Seonaid Stevenson**, Law Lecturer at Glasgow Caledonian University and co-founder of RebLaw Scotland
- **Eamon Keane**, Founder of the University of Dundee Law Clinic
- **Lucy Mackay**, Student Director GCU Law Clinic

Attendees will be sent the web link on the day of the event and are invited to submit any questions for the panel in advance to [mail@syla.co.uk](mailto:mail@syla.co.uk)

## Friday 6th November 2020

### **The value and importance of pro bono work in light of Covid 19 – Liverpool John Moores University**

*November 6, 2020 @ 11:00 am - 1:00 pm*

We will discuss the value and importance of pro bono work with particular emphasis on the impact on access to justice of Covid-19, local initiatives and future opportunities.

Our speakers are:

- **Bambos Charalambous MP**, LJMU law graduate and current Shadow Justice Minister
- **Siobhan Taylor**, Ward of Merseyside Law Centre, Young Legal Aid Lawyer of the Year and another LJMU graduate
- **Chris Topping** of Jackson Lees, Human Rights Lawyer of the Year 2016.
- **Rachel Stalker** of LJMU who established the School of Law's award-winning Legal Advice Centre in 2014.

### **Trainee Hackathon – Birmingham Law Society Pro Bono Committee**

*November 6, 2020 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm*

To close the week's events, participants in the **trainee solicitor hackathon** co-hosted by Birmingham Trainee Solicitors' Society and Birmingham Law Society Pro Bono Committee will be invited to share their solutions as to how the trainee community can make a meaningful contribution to pro bono efforts.

Panel:

Natasha Alton, Charities and Corporate Responsibility Officer, Birmingham Trainee Solicitors Society  
Rachel Sutcliffe, Trainee Solicitor, Anthony Collins  
Katie Rothwell, Corporate Responsibility Manager, Gowling WLG  
Michael Bates, Head of Services for Birmingham, Central England Law Centre

### **Rule of Law & Access to Justice: where do we go from here? – Pro Bono Week Committee & LexisNexis**

*November 6, 2020 @ 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm*

Rule of Law and Access to Justice: where do we go from here?

*Does the law need a rebrand?*

There can be few times in the modern history of the UK where the Rule of Law has been at the forefront of public attention and discussion – from the Internal Market Bill to the independent panel on Judicial Review, from the backlog in the court system to comments on the role lawyers play in the immigration and criminal justice system. There is no lack of challenge to the Rule of Law. But there is also significant comment on these challenges.

As important as that commentary is, it often leaves a hugely important question unanswered: where do we go from here?

It is easy to get agreement among lawyers that the Rule of Law is fundamental, but is that true outside of the profession? If we are to protect the Rule of Law (and drive an environment where upholding the Rule of Law is seen as non-negotiable), the public at large need to feel the same way.

The panel will give a brief “state of the union” of the Rule of Law in the UK. From there, we will turn to consider what can be done to begin to deliver this. Does the law, the Rule of Law, and justice need rebranding? What, or who might get the public to value the fundamental importance of the Rule of Law and the important access to justice that gives them?

Panellists are:

- **Iain Anderson** (Executive Chairman, Cicero Group)
- **David Greene** (President of the Law Society of England & Wales),
- **Baroness Hale of Richmond** (former President of the UK Supreme Court),
- **Baroness Helena Kennedy QC** (Director of the IBA Human Rights Institute) and
- **Matthew Ryder QC** (barrister and former Deputy Mayor of London (social integration, social mobility and community engagement)).

This event is jointly led by the Pro Bono Week Committee and LexisNexis and is timed to coincide with the finish of Pro Bono Week. It is part of LexisNexis’s central objective of advancing the Rule of Law around the world – further information can be found [here](#). For further information about the events in Pro Bono Week, please [click here](#).

Our thanks to Augusta Ventures for kindly hosting this webinar and for their support of the National Pro Bono Centre and Pro Bono Week.

### **Pro Bono Through the Pandemic and Beyond! – University of Exeter Law Society**

*November 6, 2020 @ 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm*

A virtual panel style event to finish off Pro Bono Week, with a range of speakers discussing how the pandemic has shaped Pro Bono for them and what they think the future will hold for Pro Bono. Speakers will include volunteers and professionals.

### **Pro Bono Week closing networking drinks**

*November 6, 2020 @ 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm*

Join everyone across the Pro Bono sector for online networking drinks to celebrate this year’s Pro Bono Week.

## Post Pro Bono Week 2020

### **Pro Bono in the City: Local Communities – KCL Pro Bono Society**

*November 11, 2020 @ 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm*

The King's College London Pro Bono society is excited to invite associates, partners and graduate recruitment from a range of respected firms to discuss their pro bono initiatives. Our annual panel series celebrating National Pro Bono Week aims to showcase a small number of City Law firms and their pro bono work.

Students will have the opportunity to learn about the firm's incredible global pro bono initiatives, and network with graduate recruitment in a follow-up Q&A session.

#### Event Panelists:

- Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP: **Robert Powell**
- Eversheds Sutherland: **Rosie Wallace**
- Simmons & Simmons: **Victoria Channing; Elin Jones**

### **Freshfields Focus Event – Pro Bono**

*November 12, 2020 @ 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm*

Freshfields-only.

We look forward to holding a Freshfields focus event. The event will be attended by our pro bono team who will provide insight into different aspects of life at Freshfields. There will also be a chance to submit your questions.

We want our event to be available to as many people as possible but places are limited. Therefore, please only sign up if you can attend.

Sign ups will close 24 hours before the event and you will receive the relevant joining instructions on the day of the event.