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This lunchtime, shortly after this *Legal Diary* is published, BBC Radio 4 will be running Episode 17 of its series 'The Great Post Office Trial'. It focuses on the notorious prosecution of hundreds of Sub-Post Office managers for crimes they had not committed and today's episode examines 'How the Post Office lawyers reacted in 2013 to the biggest challenge in the Horizon scandal yet'.

Neither the Post Office lawyers nor their external advisers have come out of the story particularly well so far. Nick Gould, an Aria Grace lawyer, commented in his submission to the Post Office Enquiry that, as the solicitor to three of the accused sub-Post Masters, "I have seen the damage done to so many of those who were ruined by Post Office directors and

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Senior Legal Figures Encourage London Lawyers to Undertake Wide-Ranging Pro Bono Work

Lawyers from Latham & Watkins, Orrick, Reed Smith and Fieldfisher joined the Attorney General and Lady Justice Rose to kick-start Pro Bono Week 2023.

November 07, 2023 at 06:57 AM

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Pro Bono

 **Aishah Hussain** Deputy Editor

Senior legal figures and pro bono advocates came together on Monday evening to encourage more lawyers to take up pro bono work, particularly in areas beyond their usual expertise.

In a discussion hosted by Herbert Smith Freehills to mark the start of U.K. Pro Bono Week 2023, an all-female panel of lawyers at firms including Latham & Watkins, Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe and Reed Smith relayed their experiences in various pro bono initiatives and encouraged involvement in wide-ranging areas of law.



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- Reed Smith
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The screenshot shows the top of the article page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'ALM | LAW.COM INTERNATIONAL' and 'LAW.COM PRO'. Below that, the article title 'The Best Law Firms for Pro Bono in the UK, 2023' is displayed. A sub-headline reads: 'Law.com has once again whittled down dozens of entries, to showcase the ten most impressive pro bono offerings across London.' The author is identified as Habiba Cullen-Jafar, Reporter. The article is categorized as 'RANKING' and 'Pro Bono'. A 'You Might Like' section is visible at the bottom, featuring two related articles: 'November 03, 2023' and 'November 06, 2023'.

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The screenshot shows the top of the Law.com article page. At the top, there are navigation links for Newsletters, Events, Sign In, and International. The main header includes the ALM | LAW.COM INTERNATIONAL logo and a search bar. The article title is "Roving UK 'Justice Bus' Could Help Maintain the Rule of Law, Says Lady Hale". Below the title is a sub-headline: "Speaking about the threats to the rule of law on Monday, the former President of the UK Supreme Court also proposed a change to legal education in schools." The article is dated November 14, 2023 at 07:32 AM and is estimated to be a 4-minute read. The author is identified as Charlotte Johnstone, a Reporter. The article text begins with "The legal system needs to reconnect with the British public if the rule of law is to be maintained, according to legal experts, with one possible solution a roving court that would enter local communities." Below the text is a photo of Lady Hale. On the right side of the page, there are sections for "LAW FIRMS MENTIONED" (listing Clifford Chance and Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher) and "TRENDING STORIES" (listing "Sidley Fires Associate After 5 Speaks Out Against Law Firm Letter on Israel-Gaza" and "Slaughters and MoFo Associates Suffer Antisemitic Attack on London Bus").

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Be proud of working for nothing

Giving free assistance does not harm legal aid and in Pro Bono Week we should celebrate it, writes Robin Knowles

Robin Knowles | Thursday November 09 2023, 12.01am GMT, The Times

Equality before the law is a universally accepted principle of our society. However, to achieve that equality requires sound advice and fair engagement in our courts and tribunals through legal representation.

It is hard to recall a time when there has been more pressure here. Amid a cost of living crisis, people in financial difficulty are more likely to find themselves needing legal assistance, including over homes and jobs and families. Timely legal assistance to right wrongs and to manage difficulty is crucial. If not achieved then problems worsen, additional problems cluster, and health, in all its forms, deteriorates.

There is still legal aid but only in some areas. The gap between available legal aid and the need for advice and representation widens.

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Pro Bono Week: Retired lawyers encouraged to offer free legal support

By Rhys Duncan on Nov 10 2023 8:19am

Evokes spirit of NHS during the pandemic



The National Pro Bono Centre (NPBC) has announced a new scheme to encourage retired lawyers to undertake pro bono work.

The project, championed by representatives from Advocate and LawWorks, aims to draw on the experience of the NHS during the Covid-19 pandemic, which saw retired medics step back up to the plate to provide essential support.

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ESG in the spotlight as Pro Bono Week gets underway

By Rhys Duncan on Nov 6 2023 8:14am

Annual event recognises and promotes the voluntary work of lawyers



Pro Bono Week, starting today, supports and recognises the work of lawyers across the UK and encourages students and lawyers alike to hold pro bono events.

For the 22nd annual instalment, three topical themes have been identified. These are "changing lives through pro bono", which includes celebrating inspiring examples of pro bono, "maximising the impact of pro bono", and "Pro bono within ESG: from climate to sustainable development".

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Retired? Come back pro bono, charity suggests

By Gazette reporter | 8 November 2023

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Retired solicitors are being invited to volunteer their services in good causes in the latest initiative by charity the National Pro Bono Centre. The scheme, unveiled as part of Pro Bono Week 2023, is a combined effort by representatives from organisations including Advocate and LawWorks, led by Robert Bourns, National Pro Bono Centre (NPBC) trustee and former Law Society president.

Drawing on the experience of the NHS during the Covid-19 pandemic, where retired medical professionals provided additional support for public services, this new project will encourage members of the legal profession to provide pro bono support in retirement, extending the capacity of pro bono legal support offered by law firms and barristers.



Robert Bourns, National Pro Bono Centre trustee
Source: Michael Cross

The centre this week opened a one-stop-shop for information, guidance and opportunities for those looking to volunteer after retirement. Prospective volunteers can choose the organisations best suited to their professional interests and schedules. This advice also includes detailed guidance on the professional certifications required for pro bono practice. Information specific to barristers is available on Advocate and to solicitors on LawWorks.

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The screenshot shows the homepage of 'THE LAWYER' website. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation menu. The main content area features a featured article titled 'National pro bono week: Saving women and girls from domestic abuse' by Richard Simmons, dated 6 November 2023. The article text includes: 'It was a lady who has suffered serious abuse at hands of her now ex-husband,' recalls Sam Cottman. 'I went to Wales to represent her, but she was too frightened to come to court. The judge said unless she attended in person he would discharge the order – I asked what grounds he would find acceptable for non-attendance and he said (a) that she had given birth or (b) that she had been arrested.' Cottman takes a breath. 'So they both came to court, the husband and wife. And she had a panic attack the second she saw him.' 'The amount of trauma she had to endure – just to get into the court room – is a real example of the difference of having lawyers and why DARA is important,' he finishes. 'Because without DARA most people in her situation give up, or have to advocate for themselves in court against an abusive partner.' Cottman, the head of pro bono at Travers Smith, is recalling just one of the cases that DARA – the Domestic Abuse Response Alliance – has taken on since its foundation. Now numbering 10 firms, it is the largest pro bono project ever assembled to provide end-to-end representation and, crucially, advocacy support for

On the right side of the screenshot, there is a 'Latest News' section with five items: 1. Simpson Millar seeks to cut more costs as debts mount; 2. Pogust Goodhead to spend millions luring climate quitters from City firms; 3. CMS elects corporate head as new senior partner; 4. Six Londoners make the grade in Latham's promotions; 5. Live Webinar: Humans vs Tech: How to stay in control. Below that is a 'Signal Research Reports' section with items like 'Disputes: Recruitment Activity' and 'UK Legal'.

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This is a unique offering, building on the Pro Bono Connect scheme which is spearheaded by Jamie Goldsmith KC.

The new initiative is supported by important members of the judiciary including Lady Rose and Mr Justice Robin Knowles.


Leading legal pro bono charities, The National Pro Bono Centre and Pro Bono Connect are launching the UK's first pro bono litigation support service, Pro Bono Expert Support (PBES) that brings lawyers, barristers, experts and other key litigation support advisors together to deliver access to justice across a number of important legal cases and causes.

PBES will include experts from various disciplines including forensic accountants, eDiscovery providers, strategic communications, investigators, costs lawyers, translation and interpretation providers and a wide range of expert witnesses.


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New Scottish Pro Bono Guide will help meet a significant legal need

30 Oct



Neil Mackenzie KC, Keeper of the Advocates Library

THERE is a significant unmet legal need in Scotland. In a previous article I have described the bewildering patchwork quilt of organisations providing or funding legal advice and representation, including solicitors, law clinics and advice centres.

It is a fabric with discernible gaps, overlaps, and friction. Those attempting to make use of those services may find themselves with no clear idea of where to start, which is one reason next month's launch of the Scottish Pro Bono Guide is such a welcome development. The guide will be launched during Pro Bono Week this year, during an event co-hosted by the Faculty of Advocates, the Law Society of Scotland, and legal services charity JustRight Scotland.

Pro Bono Week is held annually across the UK in early November. It offers an opportunity to recognise and support the voluntary contributions made by lawyers and others who give free legal help to those in need.

It allows for reflection on how to improve the services offered to meet that need.

The Scottish Bar provides pro bono legal services through the Faculty of Advocates' Free Legal Services Unit (FLSU). The FLSU offers free legal help from volunteer devils (trainee advocates) and Faculty members (advocates) to people who need advice on a legal matter (usually a dispute) or representation at a hearing and who cannot afford to pay but are also not eligible for legal aid.

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The screenshot shows the Bar Council website's resource library page for 'Pro Bono Week: How pro bono makes a real difference'. The page features a navigation menu, a breadcrumb trail (Home / Resource library / Pro Bono Week: How pro bono makes a real difference), and a main heading. Below the heading is a teal bar with metadata: PUBLICATION DATE (9 November 2023), INFORMATION TYPE (Blog), and TOPICS (Pro bono). A 'Related resources' section is visible, listing three other articles with their titles, dates, and types (BLOG).

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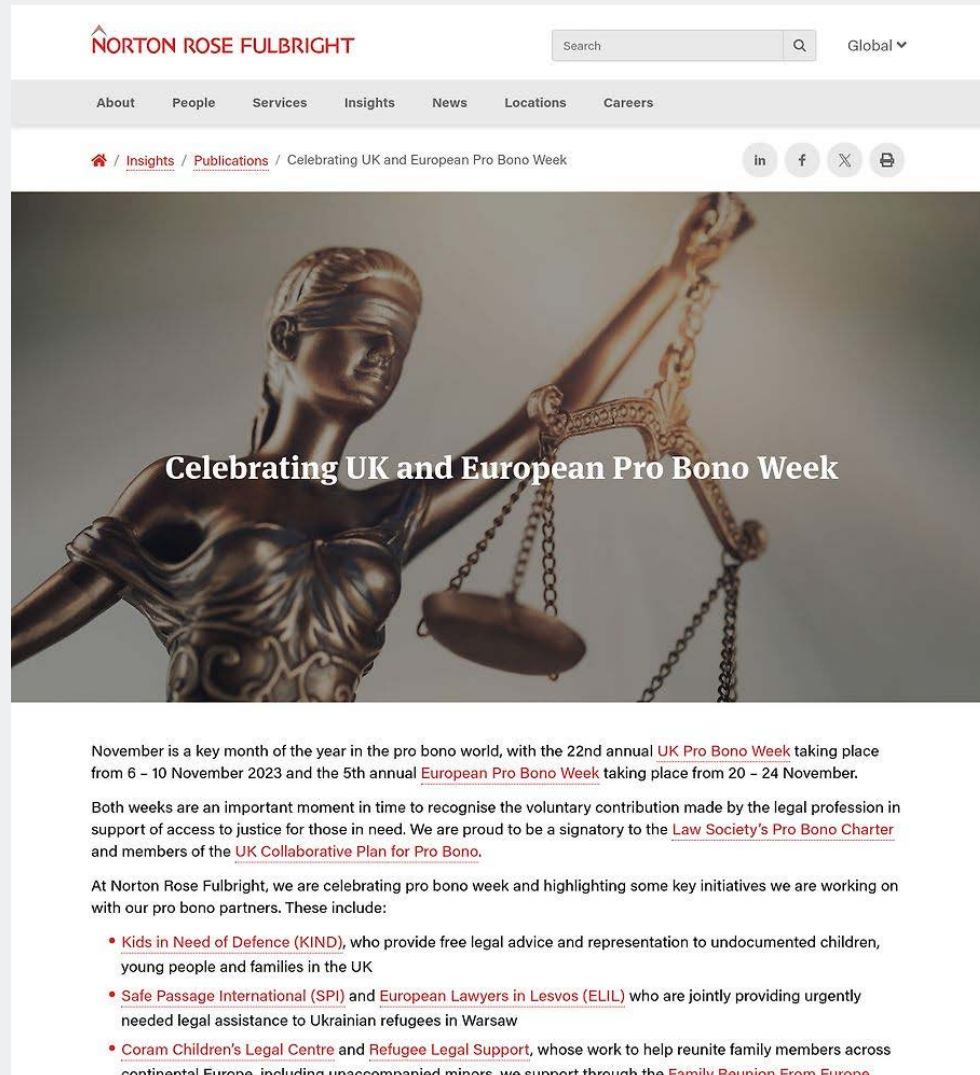
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