



Pro Bono Week 2023 - Timetable of Events

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Monday 6 November

Great Legal Bake 2023 – Access to Justice Foundation/ London Legal Support Trust

The sweetest fundraiser of the year, the Great Legal Bake, returns from the 6 – 10 November 2023.

Calling all Star Bakers!

Could you raise dough to support free frontline services that help some of society's most vulnerable people? Are sweet treats up your street or does savoury make you rave-ery?

Whether it's blondies or brownies, millefeuilles or petits fours, Black Forest gateau or Swiss roll, millionaire's shortbread or pound cake, taking part is easy as pie. And if sweet stuff doesn't melt your butter why not make samosas, sausage rolls, or savoury scones?

All you need to do is register and we'll send you a bake pack full of useful stuff like posters, labels and stickers. So grab a group of friends or colleagues and organise a bake sale in your office, chambers, court or university and sell your tasty treats.

Are you a crummy baker, but you'd still like to take part? Why not see if a local bakery might donate some cupcakes?

If you are not able to take part during the official bake week, you are still welcome to sign up to bake on a date of your choice. Just let us know on the registration form below!

As the Great Legal Bake is part of Pro Bono Week, there will be a photo competition during the week, judged by Toby Brown – Chair of the Pro Bono Week Committee and Barrister at South Square. Prizes will be awarded for:

Best Themed Cake
Tastiest Looking Cake
Best Overall Cake

To enter, be sure to share your photos on social media using #GreatLegalBake, or send you photo entries to signups@l1st.org.uk.



Date: Monday 6th- Friday 10th November

Time: All day, everyday through the week

Venue: Various organisations across the UK – hybrid in some organisations.

Registration - <https://londonlegalsupporttrust.org.uk/our-events/great-legal-bake-2023/>

Pro Bono drop-in – Norfolk Community Law Service

This drop-in event at NCLS offices will be open for any interested potential volunteers, with the CEO discussing volunteering with NCLS and the role of pro bono work in enabling greater access to justice across Norfolk.

The event will take place alongside the Great Legal Bake.

Date: Monday 6th November

Time: 11:00-2:00pm

Venue: Norfolk Community Law Service, 14 Prince of Wales Road, Norwich, NR1 1LB

Registration: For more information about NCLS, visit <https://www.ncls.co.uk/>

Maximising the impact of qLegal’s pro bono commercial law clinic – qLegal – [invitation only]

qLegal’s commercial law clinic provides legal advice, education and support to start-ups and entrepreneurs. We will be joined by lawyers from some of our partner law firms, who will discuss why they volunteer with qLegal, and their thoughts on how we can maximise the impact of qLegal’s pro bono work.

A panel discussion, followed by networking.

Speakers will include lawyers from CMS, Morrison Foerster, Sidley Austin (and more).

This event is only open to qLegal students

Date: Monday 6th November

Time: 1:00pm-2:30pm

Venue: Centre for Commercial Law Studies (CCLS), Queen Mary, University of London, 67-69 Lincoln’s Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3JB

Registration – N/A – Invitation only



OFFICIAL LAUNCH Pro Bono Week 2023: Transforming lives through pro bono

We are delighted to be joined by the Attorney General the Rt Hon Victoria Prentis KC MP to launch Pro Bono Week 2023. We will host a short panel 6 – 7pm featuring inspiring examples of how pro bono can truly change lives (hybrid on Zoom and in person).

In person networking will follow the panel, from 7pm onwards, with a chance to meet people from across the legal and access to justice sectors with a shared interest in pro bono work of all kinds.

Speakers confirmed so far include:

- Attorney General, The Rt Hon Victoria Prentis KC MP
- Lady Rose, Justice of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom
- A five minute video message from Andy Malkinson, freed in December 2020 after serving a 17-year custodial sentence, following pro bono efforts.
- Katie Cotton, partner at Orrick, and advocate in the Voices for Families pro bono project.
- Caron Heyes, legal director at Fieldfisher and leader of Rachel's Voice – a project to provide pro bono assistance through inquests to families following the deaths of people with learning disabilities.
- Laura Hyne, associate at Reed Smith who has worked on the Maternity Action Pro Bono email advice service since 2021.
- Annahita Moradi, barrister at One Pump Court and Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2022.
- Mair Williams, employed barrister at Latham & Watkins and a Trustee/Director of APPEAL

Our thanks for to Herbert Smith Freehills for kindly hosting this year's launch!

Thanks jampondphotography.com for providing photography service pro bono to the event.

Date: Monday 6th November

Time: 5:30pm-8:30pm

Venue: Herbert Smith Freehills LLP

Exchange House, 12 Primrose Street

London, EC2A 2EG - Hybrid

Registration: <https://pbw2023.eventbrite.co.uk/>



Tuesday 7 November

Film Screening & Panel Event #RethinkingRefugee – Bristol Pro Bono Group – [invitation only]

“For Sama” Film Screening with an information session hosted by ACH (Ashley Community & Housing) on #RethinkingRefugee.

The event will consist of an information session hosted by Fuad Mahamed, CEO of ACH, to discuss the great work ACH are doing in the local community and how the local legal profession can play a key role in #RethinkingRefugee; followed by a screening of the documentary film “For Sama” which tells the story of Waad al-Kateab’s life through five years of the uprising in Aleppo and her experiences raising her daughter while cataclysmic conflict rises around her.

This event is hosted at Simmons & Simmons in Bristol.

Date: Tuesday 7th November

Time: N/A

Venue: N/A

Registration: Invitation Only

Roundtable Discussion about the Major Incidents Response Plan – The Law Society of England & Wales in partnership with LawWorks – [invitation-only]

In celebration of Pro Bono Week, the Law Society of England & Wales in partnership with LawWorks, is holding a private roundtable discussion to discuss our Major Incidents Response Plan. Chaired by the Law Society President, Nick Emmerson, this private roundtable will launch a series of events about the Major Incidents Response Plan over the coming year. These events will be held between the Law Society, LawWorks, stakeholders and our legal panellists to consider issues such as legal need, eligibility criteria, communications and scenario planning in the event of a qualifying major incident.

Although this event is by invitation only, if your law firm is interested in hearing more about the Major Incidents Response Plan or would like to join our legal pro bono panel, please contact rebecca.wilkinson@lawworks.org.uk.

Date: Tuesday 7th November

Time: 9:00-11:00am

Venue: Herbert Smith Freehills LLP, Exchange House, 12 Primrose Street, London, EC2A 2EG

Registration: Invitation Only

ESG Alumni Perspectives – University of Edinburgh

Jacquelyn MacLennan (LLB, 1983 & PGD, 1984) was a Partner at White & Case, one of the world’s leading global law firm of more than 2,500 lawyers worldwide. Jacquelyn focused in particular on EU competition law, international trade law (customs law, sanctions and export

controls) and risk management issues. She is recognised as a leading lawyer in her areas of expertise and human rights. Jacquelyn was the Leader of White & Case's Global Pro Bono Practice, and actively involved in White & Case's support for Bhutan's first law school, and the African Centre on Law & Ethics Programme, where she teaches legal ethics and business and human rights to young lawyers and law students.

During the talk Jacquelyn will reflect on her career since graduating from Edinburgh Law School, becoming the Global Pro Bono Practice Leader for White & Case, and speak about the relationship between ESG and pro bono.

Date: Tuesday 7th November

Time: 1:00pm-2:00pm

Venue: Usha Kaseera Lecture Theatre, University of Edinburgh, South Bridge, Edinburgh, EH8 9YL

Registration: <https://www.law.ed.ac.uk/news-events/events/pro-bono-week-2023>

GLD Pro Bono Week event with Advocate – [internal only]

Oliver Dixon, GLD barrister, will share his experience of taking on pro bono work and Advocate will share a short presentation on how to take on pro bono work as an employed barrister.

Open to GLD lawyers only.

Date: Tuesday 7th November

Time: 2:00-2:45pm

Venue: Online

Registration: Invitation only

The Young Lawyers event – JLSLA, LYLG, MTYBA and the YBC

Join the Junior London Solicitors Litigation Association (JLSLA), London Young Lawyers Group (LYLG), the Middle Temple Young Barristers' Association (MTYBA) and the Young Barristers' Committee (YBC) on Tuesday 7th November between 6.30 – 9pm in The Parliament Chamber at Middle Temple for a panel discussion, followed by networking and refreshments. Also hybrid on Zoom.

Speakers

Keynote address: The Solicitor General, Michael Tomlinson MP

Lauren Gest, Associate, Baker McKenzie (Chair)

Jonathon Caunt, Senior Associate, Clifford Chance

George Fahey, Associate, RPC

Luke Richardson, Senior Associate, Baker McKenzie

Elizabeth Walsh, 4 Stone Buildings

Date: Tuesday 7th November

Time: 6:30-9:00pm

Venue: Hybrid; Parliament Chamber at Middle Temple



Registration: <https://pbwYL2023.eventbrite.co.uk>

Law Clinic Reception – Citizens Advice St Albans & District Law Clinic – [invitation-only]

We will be focusing on the impact our pro bono service has had on the lives of local people over the past 25 years!

Date: Tuesday 7th November

Time: 7:00-8:30pm

Venue: Citizens Advice St Albans & District Law Clinic

Registration: Invitation Only

Wednesday 8 November

Pro Bono Fair & Clothing Drive – Simmons & Simmons – [internal only]

Several of our brilliant pro bono charity partners will be hosting stalls for Simmons' staff to find out about the organisations, what they do and how to get involved.

We're also hosting a clothing drive for '[The Passage](#)' to collect much-needed clothing to help this charity in supporting those at risk of spending a night on the streets of Westminster.

Date: Wednesday 8th November

Time: 12:00

Venue: Simmons & Simmons, CityPoint, 1 Ropemaker St, London, EC2Y 9SS

Registration: Invitation Only

Pro Bono with: Eversheds Sutherland – University of Manchester Pro Bono Society – [internal only]

Join us to learn more about the firm's Pro Bono work and hear from their representatives.

There will be an opportunity to network with trainees/associates at the firm + a Q&A after the presentation.

Lunch and refreshments will also be provided.

This event is only open to members of the University of Manchester Pro Bono Society.

Date: Wednesday 8th November

Time: 12:00-1:30pm

Venue: Eversheds Sutherland LLP Manchester, Two New Bailey M3 5GX

Registration: Invitation Only

Volunteering for TPO and making a difference – The Pensions Ombudsman

During this year's Pro Bono Week we will be celebrating the contribution lawyers and other pension professionals make to The Pensions Ombudsman (TPO) Early Resolution Service. Our webinar panellists, which will include several lawyers, will share why they volunteer with TPO, what they and their firms get out of it, and how they make a difference for the people whose complaint they are helping to resolve.

To attend this FREE webinar you need to register by clicking on the link below.

Date: Wednesday 8th November

Time: 12:30 pm - 1:30pm

Venue: Online

Registration:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZl0cuutqDkuHt0bFvgiVgxh0n2d8tFyWl1Z>

Changing Lives through Pro Bono – University of Edinburgh

During this panel our speakers (Lourens Grové, Julianna Cartwright, and a selection of students) will discuss the current Pro Bono Work which is undertaken by the Law School at the University of Edinburgh, how you can get involved and what it's all about. There will be a Q&A session, alongside tea and coffee.

Highlights include: the Free Legal Advice Centre (including the Volunteer Law Clinic and Faculty of Advocate Referrals) and the Tax Clinic.

Lourens Grové is currently a Senior Lecturer in Clinical and Experiential Legal Education at the University of Edinburgh. Previously from the University of Pretoria, where he has undertaken numerous roles, perhaps most notably as the Supervising Attorney and then Chief Attorney in the University's Law Clinic since 2005.

Julianna Cartwright has a wide ranging practice encompassing family law, mental health and professional negligence and is instructed in the Court of Session and the Sheriff Court.

The one hour talk will be followed by refreshments.

Date: Wednesday 8th November

Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm

Venue: MacLaren Stuart Room, Old College, University of Edinburgh, South Bridge, Edinburgh, EH8 9YL

Registration: <https://www.law.ed.ac.uk/news-events/events/pro-bono-week-2023>

Changing lives through pro bono: how can law students help? – Dundee Law School – [invitation only]

The University of Dundee Law School is hosting this event as part of Pro bono Week 2023. Pro Bono Week is part of a global celebration of pro bono that takes place every year and this year we want to recognise and support the voluntary contribution made by those across Dundee and beyond in giving free legal help to those most in need.



This panel event brings together some of our local charities and organisations that offer free legal support and assistance to members of our local community. Come along and hear about the work that they do, why they do it, and what you as law students and future lawyers can do to get involved. Ask questions and be a part of the discussion.

If you are interested in being involved please email RSamaras001@dundee.ac.uk

Date: Wednesday 8th November
Time: 2:00pm-4:00pm
Venue: Dundee Law School
Registration: Invitation Only

Pro Bono Fair – The City Law School – [internal-only]

November 8 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

An opportunity for students of The City Law School to meet representatives of a variety of major law firms to learn about pro bono initiatives they can get involved in, and how pro bono work can help prepare them for future legal careers.

The event will take place in the atrium of the City Law School Building.

We have some amazing Law Firms and charities attending on the day, who will talk more to students about the pro bono their firms do, and how to address this in applications for training contracts.

It is an opportunity to meet friendly firms who are keen to meet City's law students at an informal event, where you can talk to firm representatives about their work. Any aspiring lawyers should attend to hear more!

During the fair we will also be producing a short film for #probonoweeek to record the event and hear more from the lawyers who do pro bono; what it means to them and their clients; and why students should get involved.

The organisations attending the fair are:

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
Arnold & Porter
Ashurst
Leducate
Islington Advice Clinic
Advocate
Amicus ALJ
Clyde & Co
CMS

Date: Wednesday 8th November
Time: 3:00-5:00pm
Venue: City Law School, Sebastian Street, London EC1V
Registration: Invitation Only



Chambers tea – Blackstone Chambers – [internal]

Two Advocate Caseworkers will be joining Chambers tea to share briefly on pro bono work and network with members.

Date: Wednesday 8th November

Time: 4:00-4:30pm

Venue: Blackstone Chambers

Registration: Internal Only

Chambers tea – 4 Stone Buildings – [internal only]

Two Advocate Caseworkers will be joining Chambers tea to share briefly on pro bono work and network with members.

Internal only event.

Date: Wednesday 8th November

Time: 4:30- 5:00pm

Venue: 4 Stone Buildings

Registration: Internal Only

CLIPS & Pro Bono Week Event – Chancery Bar Association

Come and join the Chancery Bar Association to celebrate Pro Bono Week on Wednesday, 8 November at 5pm at Serle Court.

Discover how our renowned CLIPS scheme delivers access to justice for litigants in person with interim applications in the Chancery Division.

There will be a light-hearted roleplay followed by a Q&A and refreshments.

Ideal for practitioners who have not done CLIPS recently or are thinking about volunteering for CLIPS for the first time.

This event is open to Chancery Bar Association members.

Date: Wednesday 8th November

Time: 5.00-7.00pm

Venue: Serle Court, Lincoln's Inn, 6 New Square, London, WC2A 3QS

Registration: <https://chba.org.uk/events/pro-bono-week-clips-workshop>

Nottingham Law School and Support Through Court Celebratory Event – [invitation only]

The event celebrates the launch of the new flagship Support Through Court National Online Service and will be an opportunity to hear more about the partnership between Nottingham Law School and Support Through Court and how we work together to help people going to court without legal representation, locally and nationally.



Date: Wednesday 8th November
Time: 5:30-7:30pm
Venue: N/A
Registration: Invitation only

Free Representation Unit's 50th anniversary celebration

This year, FRU are celebrating 50 years by holding an event to celebrate Pro Bono work and the importance of equal access to justice that FRU provides.

There will be talks from Lord Justice Underhill, Vice President of the Court of Appeal, FRU's founding members and special guest FRU patron the Secret Barrister.

Please join us to celebrate FRU and its necessity to the legal world.

Please help us to raise £50,000 to keep our vital service going.

If you would like to attend virtually, please book a donation ticket at Eventbrite.

Date: Wednesday 8th November
Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm
Venue: 39 Essex Chambers, 81 Chancery Lane, London, WC2A 1DD United Kingdom
Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/frus-50th-celebration-tickets-727498486557>

Family Bar Pro Bono Week Event – Advocate

Hosted by 1GC, this Pro Bono Week, Advocate is inviting the leading Family sets to come and join the discussion on how to better integrate pro bono work in Chambers. We are delighted that Samantha Singer (Co-Chair, Pro Bono & Social Responsibility Committee), the FLBA and senior Judiciary will also be attending and providing their support for this event.

Applications for assistance in family law cases remain firmly Advocate's busiest area of law. So far in 2023, Advocate has received over 700 requests for help in family law alone. Last year, nearly 40% of our total applications for the year were requests for help with family cases. We hope it will be an important evening to gather the Family Bar around this key topic and look forward to meeting you.

Date: Wednesday 8th November
Time: 6:00-8:00pm
Venue: 1GC 10 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3BP United Kingdom
Registration: If you could like to attend, please contact communications@weareadvocate.org.uk



Changing lives through pro bono – BPP University Social Impact Team

An interactive online panel event showcasing the amazing work BPP does in the Social Impact Team involving our student volunteers and some of the external partners we support. Panellists will be sharing insights into their pro bono work, highlighting some of the cases they were responsible for and demonstrating the significant impact they had on those clients.

Confirmed panellists:

- Hannah Lennox, Solicitor at BPP Legal Advice Clinic
- Aqsa Ullah, Solicitor Apprentice at Allen & Overy LLP
- Ayguzel Abdulla, BPP Social Impact student volunteer
- Frankie Hall, Solicitor at Shelter

Date: Wednesday 8th November

Time: 6:00-7:30pm

Venue: Online

Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/changing-lives-through-pro-bono-tickets-743460419127?aff=oddtcreator>

Clyde & Co welcome Amicus ALJ – Clyde & Co – [internal only]

Events in 2021 underlined the value of pro bono within recruitment and retention, to enhance lawyers' skillsets and to enable lawyers to make a difference through the law. We look forward to firms and chambers highlighting the impact of their pro bono work and sharing best practice in pro bono. This internal event is organised for LawWorks Clinics Network clinic coordinators.

Date: Wednesday 8th November

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm

Venue: Clyde & Co

Registration: Internal Only

Thursday 9 November

Changing lives through pro bono – A panel discussion

Join LSESU Law Society Pro Bono for a panel discussion on Changing Lives Through Pro Bono.

The LSESU Law Society is one of the largest and most active societies at LSE, for law and non-law students alike. We are the biggest academic society at the university and have hundreds of members spanning subjects from economics to history. We are the society to join if you are, in any way, interested in the legal profession! We organise socials and a variety of career, workshop, and networking events with both firms and chambers to introduce our members to the vast world of law.

Look out for updates about this on our Instagram and the Law Society newsletter.



Date: Thursday 9th November

Time: TBC

Venue: TBC

Registration: For more information visit <https://www.lsesulawsoc.com/pro-bono>

Breakfast seminar – Twenty Essex – [internal only]

Advocate Caseworkers will be meeting Twenty Essex pupils and junior tenants to discuss how pro bono work can help with practice development.

Date: Thursday 9th November

Time: 9:00-10:00am

Venue: Twenty Essex

Registration: Internal Only

Spotlight on Social Welfare – Slaughter and May

Join Slaughter and May for a discussion on social welfare and how pro bono can support individuals to access justice.

The panel of speakers work and volunteer with services users on the front line and we will be discussing the issues the people they support face such as homelessness, food poverty or trouble navigating the social care system and how pro bono advice can make a difference.

Whether you are a pro bono practitioner working in-house, at a private practice or a law student starting out your career come along or join virtually to find out more about the issues at hand and ask any questions you may have.

Speakers

- Holly Ware, Partner, Slaughter and May and Trustee at RCJ Advice
- James Sandbach, London Development Manager, Citizens Advice
- Kari Gerstheimer, CEO, Access Social Care
- Nick Reed, Advice and Engagement Worker, Margins Project
- For those attending in person there will be a chance to network over breakfast.

Date: Thursday 9th November

Time: 9.00am-10:30am

Venue: Hybrid; Slaughter and May

Registration:

<https://send.slaughterandmay.com/s/855e651cb7f629a201860ef027c8a96efb4e7a91>



Chambers breakfast seminar – St Philips – [Internal only]

Advocate's Midland Circuit caseworker will be joining St Philips for a breakfast seminar to discuss the benefits of pro bono for your practice and how you can work more closely with Advocate in the Midlands.

Date: Thursday 9th November
Time: 9:00am-10:00am
Venue: St. Philips Chambers
Registration: Internal Only

Free Legal Advice Day (Derry) – Ulster University Law Clinic

Hosted by Ulster University Law Clinic in collaboration with The Labour Relations Agency

Richmond Shopping Centre, Derry

Come along for free legal advice in matters relating to employment law, family law and social security law

Date: Thursday 9th November
Time: 10:30am-4:30pm
Venue: Richmond Shopping Centre, Ferryquay St, Londonderry, BT48 6PE
Registration: N/A

Generative AI 101 for Charities and Not-For-Profits – Lewis Silkin Pro Bono Skills Academy

Join us for the first in a series of pro bono webinars from the Lewis Silkin Pro Bono Skills Academy. This webinar is aimed at UK-based charities and not-for-profits organisations that need to get up to speed with AI and spot the opportunities and hazards on the horizon.

AI is the buzzword of 2023 with good reason. From searching for information to generating copy, AI could change the landscape forever. But are you still scratching your head as to where to begin and how AI will affect you as a charity or not-for-profit?

In this webinar we will provide a detailed introduction to how these AI tools work and what legal and regulatory issues arise.

The Lewis Silkin Pro Bono Skills Academy is a new initiative from law firm Lewis Silkin LLP aimed at giving charities and not-for-profits a holistic programme of free training looking at a wide range of legal and governance issues such as:

- Mental health awareness for managers
- Boosting your digital marketing strategy while staying on the right side of the law
- Introduction to Cryptoassets (including NFTs)
- Strategic planning – processes and tools to decide direction and take decisions
- Financial management for non-financial managers
- Workplace resilience

Date: Thursday 9th November
Time: 11:00am-12:00pm



Venue: Online

Registration: <https://www.lewissilkin.com/en/events/pro-bono-skills-academy-generative-ai-and-not-for-profits>

Pro Bono, Nutrition for the Heart: A vantage point – CMS – [invitation-only]

“You must be the change you wish to see in the world”

Mahatma Gandhi

Penelope Warne – CMS Senior Partner, Chairman of the UK Board and Head of Energy is delighted to invite you to celebrate UK Pro Bono Week. We are hosting an in-person lunch event “Pro Bono, Nutrition for the heart: A vantage point”. The three main themes of UK Pro Bono Week 2023: changing lives through pro bono, maximising the impact of pro bono and how it is placed within ESG will underpin and inform a roundtable discussion, highlighting impactful pro bono work throughout the UK and beyond that creates a collective consciousness for service and justice.

CMS is honoured to welcome a distinguished group of roundtable speakers:

- Dame Fiona Woolf – 686 Lord Mayor of London and Initiator of the Power of Diversity Programme (providing opening remarks)
- Toby Brown – Barrister and Chair of the UK Pro Bono Week Committee (Roundtable Moderator)
- Ian Dunn – CEO, Plantlife
- Jakhya Rahman-Corey – Director, Swarovski Foundation
- Kathryn Beck – Head of Legal, TrustLaw, Thomson Reuters Foundation
- Valerie Robertson – Pro Bono and Public Legal Education Policy Adviser, Law Society of England & Wales
- Niall McAlister – Partner, CMS
- Katherine Ramo – Head of Pro Bono, CMS

#ProBonoNutritionfortheHeart #Servicewithimpact #UNSDGs

Date: Thursday 9th November

Time: 12:00-2:00pm

Venue: CMS

Cannon Place, 78 Cannon St, London, EC4N 6AF

Registration: Invitation Only

National Pro Bono Week Roundtable – Birmingham Law Society

The Birmingham Law Society’s Pro Bono committee would like to invite you to their annual pro bono event taking place during National Pro Bono Week 2023. This year a pro bono clinic roundtable event is planned.

This event will bring together representatives from the various legal advice clinics, agencies and providers in the Birmingham area for a roundtable style discussion on the scope of

advice and opportunities that our organisations offer, and also to share the limitations and challenges faced. Lawyers are invited to attend the event as audience members to learn more about what opportunities are available for law firms to get involved in pro bono work, and facilitate networking. The event is kindly hosted by Gowling WLG.

Agenda

12pm Registration, lunch and networking

12.30pm Roundtable discussion

1.30pm Audience Q&A

1.45pm Coffee and networking for those who have time

2.30pm Close

Date: Thursday 9th November

Time: 12:00-2:30pm

Venue: Gowling WLG, Two Snowhill, Birmingham, B4 6WR

Registration: https://birminghamlawsociety.co.uk/members/book_event.php?event=568

Changing lives through pro bono & maximising the impact of pro bono – Suffolk & North Essex Law Society in partnership with Suffolk Law Centre

An opportunity to highlight how lives have been transformed through pro bono work in our communities, and discuss how we can continue to get involved and maximise the impact of pro bono within our communities.

This event is open to volunteers and legal professionals based in Suffolk or North Essex or further afield.

Lawyers can volunteer for the Suffolk Law Centre remotely, so please join the event from anywhere in the country.

Date: Thursday 9th November

Time: 12.00-1:00pm

Venue: Online

Registration: Open to all through Teams Link: contact sue@suffolklawcentre.org.uk or SuffolkNEssexLawSociety@birketts.co.uk to join.

How can legal technology help maximise the impact of Pro Bono and provide access to justice? – University of Edinburgh

Hermione Hague (tech lawyer, consultant and course organiser for Legal Tech Elective on the Diploma at University of Edinburgh) is hosting a panel to discuss how legal technology help maximise the impact of pro bono and provide access to justice. This event will showcase how legal technology can facilitate and enhance the running of a busy pro bono clinic, the University of Edinburgh's Free Legal Advice Centre, and simulate the running of a law firm, for the benefit of pro bono clients and students alike. We will look at the opportunities and challenges and how legal design thinking and legal technology can bring efficiencies and enable access to justice. The event will feature demonstrations from leading legal tech providers (Gavel and Valla) to show how legal technology can flex the impact of pro bono and access to justice. We will discuss the impact of AI and how this can effect change and empower professionals – and consider its limitations and ethical and professional considerations. On the panel will be the University's FLAC team, legal technologists and members of the profession. Please come join in the discussion and find out how you can get involved.

About the host

Hermione Hague [external site] is a technology and privacy lawyer and has experience working in house at tech companies and the technology sector since 1999! She was in house counsel at boo.com [external site], set up the mobile company Three and more recently has worked in the VR and fintech, telecoms and cryptocurrency sectors. This year, she is the course organiser responsible for the IP elective at the University of Edinburgh, which she has run for 7 years. She also teaches and has run courses on the Information Technology LLM programme at the University of Edinburgh. She provides consultancy services via Vario, AndCo Law and Arbor Law. She was lead project manager for a nine month legal technology project for a CRM solution at McGrigors (now used by Pinsent Masons).

The one hour talk in the Usha Kasera Lecture Theatre will be followed by refreshments in the Moot Court Room, Old College, giving you a chance to speak with the panelists over tea and coffee.

Date: Thursday 9th November

Time: 10:30am-11:30am

Venue: Usha Kasera Lecture Theatre, University of Edinburgh, South Bridge, Edinburgh, EH8 9YL

Registration: <https://www.law.ed.ac.uk/news-events/events/pro-bono-week-2023>

Pro Bono Pathways – Unit Chambers, Liverpool

Outreach event at Unit Chambers to highlight Unit Chambers' pro bono services and to support local university students on pro bono cases. Advocate's Northern Circuit Caseworkers will be in attendance and giving a short presentation on pro bono work. Also happening on Thursday 16th November at Unit Chambers in Manchester.

Date: Thursday 9th November

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Venue: Unit Chambers, Liverpool



Registration: Contact laura@probonoweeek.org.uk

Bringing Pro Bono Together – Faculty of Advocates, the Law Society of Scotland and JustRight Scotland

Bringing Pro Bono Together: The launch of the Scottish Pro Bono Guide

Hosted jointly by the Faculty of Advocates, the Law Society of Scotland and JustRight Scotland.

5pm for 5.30pm start – Tea, Coffee and Biscuits on arrival and during networking.

Speakers

Neil Mackenzie KC, Faculty of Advocates on the launch of Scottish Guide to Pro Bono
Susan Murray, Vice-President, Law Society of Scotland
Jen Ang, Director of Development & Policy, JustRight Scotland on Making Pro Bono Matter: Reflections from the Frontline

Open to all. Register at the link below.

Date: Thursday 9th November

Time: 5:00-7:00pm

Venue: Royal Faculty of Procurators in Glasgow, 12 Nelson Mandela Pl, Glasgow, G2 1BT

Registration: https://members.advocates.org.uk/Public/Event_Display.aspx?EventKey=PBW2

Working with Vulnerable Clients in a Pro Bono Setting – Bristol Pro Bono Group

Working with vulnerable clients with complex needs is a rewarding aspect of pro bono work, but can require skills which may not be fully developed through lawyers' day to day professional experience.

This workshop session will draw on the expertise of a panel who work with vulnerable clients in different legal settings, to facilitate discussion ways of working effectively with vulnerable clients. It will explore experiences, approaches and the managing of impact upon lawyers of this challenging aspect of legal work.

All are welcome to join in person at UWE, or online via MS Teams.

If you would like further information please contact Rachel Wood at Rachel.wood@uwe.ac.uk

Date: Thursday 9th November

Time: 5:00pm-6:30pm

Venue: Hybrid; Room 5X107 of the Business School at the University of the West of England, BS161QY



Registration:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=CBLvBzxBXkuc3WTvMFdU8LK7bx8JUzdLnVf3Ypd7Fq5UN0NPM01YUURYs1UOWE8xRTFISkrDSkFDri4u>

North East Pro Bono Summit – North East Pro Bono Committee

Organised by the North East Pro Bono Committee, and jointly chaired by Honorary Presidents HHJ Jeremy Freedman and HHJ Mark Gargan.

The aim of our event is to discuss the need for pro bono help to change lives, celebrate the pro bono efforts taking place within the North East and discuss ways impact of pro bono can be maximised within the region.

Details of the event are as follows:

Event chaired jointly by HHJ Freedman and HHJ Gargan

Arrival from 5.30pm, coffee & networking

6pm presentations and discussions

7.15pm networking over light refreshment

Date: Thursday 9th November

Time: 5:30-7:45pm

Venue: Ward Hadaway, Sandgate House, 102 Quayside, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 3DX

Registration: Those interested in attending please enquire with Nazmin Akthar, Committee Co-Chair via Nazmin.Akthar@wbd-uk.com

Law Lecture: Life of a Lady Law Lord – University of East Anglia and the Norfolk and Norwich Law Society

“THE LIFE OF A LADY LAW LORD”

TALK BY LADY BRENDA HALE, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME COURT

We are delighted that Lady Brenda Hale, the former Head of the Supreme Court and the first woman to hold this post, will be speaking to UEA Law students and members of the Norfolk & Norwich Law Society on 9 November.

Lady Hale is trailblazer in many respects, and she gained a particularly high profile in 2019 when she delivered the Supreme Court’s decision on the government’s prorogation of Parliament over Brexit. She has been called the “Beyoncé of the legal profession” and her various spider brooches became famous (you can even buy Lady Hale brooch T-shirts).

We look forward to seeing you there!

Date: Thursday 9th November

Time: 5:30 pm - 8:00pm

Venue: The Enterprise Centre, University of East Anglia Research Park, University Dr

Norwich, NR4 7TJ

Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/norfolk-norwich-law-society-university-of-east-anglia-joint-law-lecture-tickets-667388917217>

Pro Bono; New Connections – Pro Bono Connect – [invitation-only]

An event hosted by Pro Bono Connect to celebrate recent developments in the scheme, and launch the new Pro Bono Expert Support Scheme delivered jointly with the National Pro Bono Centre.

Date: Thursday 9th November

Time: 5:45pm - 7:30pm

Venue: N/A

Registration: Invitation Only

Free Legal Advice Day (Belfast) – Ulster University Law Clinic

Hosted by Ulster University Law Clinic in collaboration with:

- A&L Goodbody Solicitors
- Housing Rights
- The Labour Relations Agency

Come along for free legal advice in matters relating to social security law, employment law and housing law.

Date: Thursday 9th November

Time: 10:30am - 4:30pm

Venue: Castle Court Shopping Centre, Royal Ave, Belfast, BT1 1DD

Registration: N/A

Monday 13 November

Rule of Law panel with Lady Hale & Baroness Helena Kennedy – Pro Bono Week Committee

Commencing in 2020 and helmed by Lady Hale and Baroness Kennedy, the Pro Bono Week Rule of Law series has been exploring what we mean by rule of law, the public perception of legal rights and lawyers, and the future of the rule of law in the UK.

We are very grateful to Gray's Inn for kindly hosting the in-person element of this Pro Bono Week event.

Arrive from 5:00pm (In person attendees only)

Panel runs 5.30pm until 7.00pm. (In person and on Zoom)



There can be few times in the modern history of the UK where the Rule of Law has remained at the forefront of public attention and discussion for such a sustained period – whether it is government seeking to restrict judicial review, the backlog in the court system, to some concerning narrative about lawyers practising in the immigration and criminal justice systems.

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

Lawyers almost universally see the Rule of Law as fundamental, but that seems some way off 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.

Having considered this question previously, the panel will return to give an update on the “state of the union” of the Rule of Law in the UK. From there, we will turn to continue our debate on what can be done to begin to deliver this. Can the law, and justice be rebranded? Can businesses be made to care and champion the Rule of Law? What, or who might get the public to value access to justice?

Chair: Paul Hodgkinson (Editor-In-Chief of Law.com International)

Panellists are:

- Joshua Cameron (Managing Director, FTI Consulting)
- Baroness Hale of Richmond (former President of the UK Supreme Court)
- Baroness Helena Kennedy KC (Director of the IBA Human Rights Institute)
- Roger Leese (Partner, Clifford Chance; Chair, Advocates for International Development)
- Abiodun Michael Olatokun FRSA (Campaigner, academic and lawyer)

Date: Monday 13th November

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm

Venue: Hybrid; Gray's Inn, The Hall, 10 South Square, London WC1R 5EY

Registration: Register at <https://ruleoflaw2023.eventbrite.co.uk>

Thursday 16 November

Pro Bono Pathways – Unit Chambers, Manchester

Outreach event at Unit Chambers to highlight Unit Chambers' pro bono services and to support local university students on pro bono cases. Advocate's Northern Circuit Caseworkers will be in attendance and giving a short presentation on pro bono work. Also happening on Thursday 9th November at Unit Chambers in Liverpool.

Date: Thursday 16th November

Time: TBC



Venue: Unit Chambers, Manchester
Registration: Contact laura@probonoweeek.org.uk

Tuesday 21 November

Pro Bono Week 2023 Coffee Morning – SYLA x Pro Bono Skills

The SYLA is delighted to be partnering with Pro Bono Skills to present our Pro Bono Week 2023 event. This year, we would be delighted if you would join us at CMS Edinburgh on Tuesday 21 November for a coffee morning and panel discussion focusing on the theme “Changing Lives Through Pro Bono”.

Our panellists will speak to their involvement in pro bono work, how they have changed lives through pro bono work and why they decided to get involved in legal volunteering. The panel session will be followed by an informal breakfast including tea, coffee and pastries.

The event will commence at 8am, with the panel discussion taking place from 8:15am. There will be an opportunity for questions from attendees at the end of the event, which will be followed by a networking breakfast, kindly sponsored by CMS. If you would like to submit a question in advance, please email mail@syla.co.uk. Please note this will be an in-person event. We look forward to seeing you there!

Date: Tuesday 21st November

Time: 8:00am-10:00am

Venue: CMS Edinburgh, Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh, EH1 2EN

Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/syla-x-pro-bono-skills-pro-bono-week-2023-coffee-morning-tickets-747947901307?aff=oddtcreator>

Wednesday 22 November

Developing and Sustaining Student Pro Bono Roundtable – Glasgow Law School – [invitation-only]

This invitation-only student event will focus on developing and sustaining pro bono in a roundtable format.

Date: Wednesday 22nd November

Time: 4:00pm-5:00pm

Venue: University of Glasgow Law School

Registration: Invitation Only

Thursday 23 November

Hampshire pro bono event

Details will shortly be included of any event at the University of Southampton (hybrid online).



Date: Thursday 22nd November
Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Venue: University of Southampton
Registration: TBC

Tuesday 28 November

The first Yorkshire Pro Bono Committee Meeting

The first meeting of the Yorkshire Pro Bono Committee, which has been set up to bring together legal practitioners, front-line advice services, charities, academic institutions, and local government across Yorkshire, to discuss pro bono volunteering and to increase the collaboration and coordination of pro bono services.

This will be a hybrid meeting in Leeds, with Teams access available for anyone else who would like to attend remotely.

Outline agenda

17:00 – Networking over coffee (In person only)
17:30 – 18:45 – Meeting (Join in person or via Teams)
18:45 – Networking over drinks

Date: Tuesday 28th November
Time: 5:30pm
Venue: Hybrid; venue TBC
Registration: To attend email: hannah.donovan@squirepb.com

Wednesday 29 November

ELA celebrates ELIPs – Employment Lawyers Association – [internal only]

Please save the date for the Employment Lawyers Association event for Pro Bono Week 2023, which will take place in London in November.

ELA wraps up the celebrations of Pro Bono Week earlier in the month with a panel discussion chaired by Paul MacFarlane, Chair of ELA, about the Employment Tribunal Litigants in Person Support Scheme (ELIPS). There will also be a special introduction by Judge Barry Clarke (the President of the Employment Tribunals (England and Wales)). The evening will conclude with drinks and a delicious curry.

The event is open to anyone eligible to volunteer for CLIPS (i.e. a member of any one of the larger civil SBAs).

Date: Wednesday 29th November
Time: 6:00pm - 9:00pm



Venue: Hybrid; at Dechert in person.

Registration: Please register by emailing elips@elaweb.org.uk