

Greater Manchester Pro Bono Award Criteria 2025

Please note the maximum word count for all submissions is 500. Submissions are to be made [via Microsoft Form here](#).

<u>Award</u>	<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Example detail</u>
Chambers of the Year	This award is for Barrister Chambers in Greater Manchester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This award celebrates the outstanding achievement and commitment to pro bono work demonstrated by a particular set of chambers. • This achievement could be related to the amount or variety of pro bono work undertaken, or the number of practising barristers actively accepting pro bono cases within the chambers. • Nominees must have gone above and beyond for access to justice, promoting and encouraging others to engage in pro bono work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a strong pro bono culture within the chambers, with widespread participation? • Is there a variety of pro bono work at the chambers? • How is the chambers championing access to justice? • How are members of chambers encouraged to do pro bono work?
Chambers Individual of the Year	This award is for all Barristers operating within / around Greater Manchester.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This category recognises the crucial role played by both members of chambers and chambers' staff in championing access to justice through pro bono. • Nominations are welcome for barristers and chambers' professionals alike, including practice managers, clerks, those involved in business development, marketing, and client care, and those managing chambers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How has the individual given time to pro bono cases? • Has the individual worked on any particularly impactful cases? • Has the individual provided mentorship or leadership to other members of the Bar in their pro bono work?

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For practicing members: the individual must have demonstrated significant commitment to the pro bono ethic over the last year, whether through the dedication of considerable time and expertise, or through the undertaking of cases that have a substantial impact on the client, community, or the access to justice sector. • For chambers' professionals: the member of staff must have demonstrably championed pro bono work over the last year and effectively channels pro bono resources to help those who require assistance from legal professionals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the individual raised awareness or coordinated pro bono efforts? • Has the individual offered strategic support to support pro bono work?
Law Firm of the Year	This award is for Firms with offices in Greater Manchester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This award celebrates the outstanding achievement and commitment to pro bono work demonstrated by a particular firm. • This achievement could be related to the amount or variety of pro bono work undertaken, or the number of practising individuals actively accepting pro bono cases within the firm. • Nominees must have gone above and beyond for access to justice, promoting and encouraging others to engage in pro bono work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does engagement look like across the Manchester office? • What type of pro bono is being done across the team? • Has the team worked on any impactful or strategic cases? • How is the team externally promoting access to justice?
Law Firm Individual of the Year	This award is for an individual working in a firm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This category recognises the crucial role played by both practicing individuals and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How has the individual given time to pro bono cases?

	with a Greater Manchester Office.	<p>members of staff in championing access to justice through pro bono.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The winner of this award must have demonstrated significant commitment to the pro bono ethic over the last year, whether through the dedication of considerable time and expertise, or through the undertaking of cases/pieces of work that have a substantial impact on the client, community, or the access to justice sector. • The winner, if non practising, should have demonstrably championed pro bono work over the last year and effectively channels pro bono resources to help those who require assistance from legal professionals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the individual worked on any particularly impactful cases? • Has the individual provided mentorship or leadership to other team members? • Has the individual raised awareness or coordinated pro bono efforts? • Has the individual offered strategic support to support pro bono work?
Charity / Frontline Agency of the Year	This award is for a charity/frontline agency who serve communities / individuals within Greater Manchester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This award celebrates the outstanding achievement and commitment to pro bono work demonstrated by a particular charity or front-line agency. • This achievement could be related to the amount or variety of pro bono work undertaken, or the number of individuals actively accepting pro bono cases, or any other evidence that showcases the charity/front line agency going above and beyond for access to justice, promoting and encouraging others to engage in pro bono work. • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the organisation facilitated a high number of pro bono cases, or offered training to a range of organisations or individuals? • Has the organisation engaged with a range of volunteer lawyers/students? • Has the organisation reached a particularly impactful group of people who need legal advice?

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has the organisation's work contributed to systemic change?
Educational Institution of the Year	This award is for legal educational institutions within Greater Manchester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This award celebrates the outstanding achievement and commitment to pro bono work demonstrated by a particular educational institution. This achievement could be related to the amount or variety of pro bono work undertaken, the initiatives ran, and key evidence of the institution going above and beyond for access to justice. The institution must have demonstrably championed pro bono work over the last year and effectively channels pro bono resources to help those who require assistance from legal professional. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have students/staff been involved with a range of pro bono initiatives? Is there a high participation rate in pro bono programmes? Are there any innovative projects or partnerships the university is part of? How are the students benefitting from the pro bono programmes offered to them?
Student Contribution of the Year	This award is for a student at an educational institution in Greater Manchester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criteria: This category recognises the crucial role played by students and student groups in championing access to justice through pro bono. The individual/group must have demonstrated significant commitment to the pro bono ethic over the last year, whether through the dedication of considerable time or through the undertaking of pro bono work or the running of initiatives that have a substantial impact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has the individual / group dedicated substantial time and commitment to pro bono programmes? What is the impact of their pro bono work? Has the student/students shown skills that will benefit them as a lawyer e.g leadership, drafting, client care skills

		<p>on the client, community, or the access to justice sector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The individual/group must have demonstrably championed pro bono work over the last year and effectively channels pro bono resources to help those who require assistance from legal professionals. 	
In House Contribution of the Year	This award is for an in-house individual lawyer or legal team operating within Greater Manchester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This category recognises the crucial role played by in house lawyers in promoting access to justice through pro bono. • The winner of this award must have demonstrated significant commitment to the pro bono ethic over the last year, whether through the dedication of considerable time and expertise, or through the undertaking of cases/pieces of work that have a substantial impact on the client, community, or the access to justice sector. • The winner, if non practising, should have demonstrably championed pro bono work over the last year and effectively channels pro bono resources to help those who require assistance from legal professionals. • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How has the individual/team boosted pro bono engagement within the in house legal community? • How has the individual/team engaged with impactful pro bono work? • How has the team/individual dedicated their time to pro bono initiatives? • Has the team / individual improved engagement in access to justice across the Manchester office?
Junior Lawyer of The Year	This award is for early career lawyers working within Greater Manchester. 'Junior' for this	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This category recognises the crucial role played by junior lawyers in championing access to justice through pro bono. • The individual must have demonstrated significant commitment to the pro bono ethic over the last year, whether through the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How has the individual dedicated their time to pro bono work alongside building their career? • Has the individual shown skills that will benefit them

	category includes: Paralegals, trainee solicitors, trainee CILEX Lawyers, Solicitor apprentices, pupil barristers, solicitors/CILEX lawyers up to 2 years post qualification and barristers up to 2 years post call.	dedication of considerable time or through the undertaking of pro bono work or the running of initiatives that have a substantial impact on the client, community, or the access to justice sector. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The individual/group must have demonstrably championed pro bono work over the last year and effectively channels pro bono resources to help those who require assistance from legal professionals. 	throughout their career e.g leadership, drafting, client care skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How has the individual made an impact on access to justice through individual client work, engagement or campaigns
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