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Pro Bono Schemes and Opportunities Available to Barristers

SCHEME	DETAILS	AREAS OF LAW	OPERATES	CONTACT	CONTACT DETAILS
<u>Bar Pro Bono Unit</u>	National charity to facilitate the Bar's Pro Bono efforts. For Third Six pupils, Juniors and Silks.	All	England and Wales	Jess Campbell, CEO	JCampbell@BarProBono.org.uk
<u>Free Representation Unit (FRU)</u>	Student and junior barristers providing advocacy in tribunals.	Employment and Social Security	Greater London area (within M5 generally), Nottingham Law School run an annex.	David Abbott, Chief Executive	
<u>The Bristol Family Law Scheme</u>	Volunteering opportunities are equally split between barristers and solicitors.	Family	Bristol Family Court	Main Lead is Sarah Phillimore	Sarah.Phillimore@stjohnschambers.co.uk
<u>Chancery Bar Litigant in Person Support Scheme (CLIPS)</u>	Members of ChBA, COMBAR, TECBAR or ELBA, or a solicitor advocate, volunteer for a day on a rota to provide advice and representation to LIPs in the chancery applications list.	Interim applications in the chancery division	London: Court 10, Rolls Building. Central London County Court, RCJ.	Francesca Compton, ChBA Administrator Alex Akoto, RCJ Advice Bureau	admin@chba.org.uk aakoto@rcjadvise.org.uk
Court 37 Scheme	Interim applications in the Queen's Bench Division		London	RCJ, CAB This Scheme is offered under the Bar Pro Bono Unit – Jess Campbell, CEO	JCampbell@BarProBono.org.uk

Employment Appeal Representation Service Scheme (EARS)	Set up to assist litigants in person before the Employment Appeal Tribunal.	Employment	England & Wales		
Employment Lawyers Appeals Advice Scheme (ELAAS)	Once a LiP has submitted their Rule 3(10) bundle to the EAT, they will be identified as unrepresented by the EAT & provided with an ELAAS volunteer to provide advice on the day of the hearing and assist with the hearing (where the advice is positive).	Employment	England & Wales		
Employment Appeal Tribunal Scheme (EAT)	Where an appellant has been successful at a Rule 3(10) at the EAT with the help of a representative acting under ELAAS, the ELAAS volunteer may then refer the case to FRU or BPBU.	Employment	England & Wales		
<u>Employment Lawyers' Association 100 Days Project (ELA)</u>	Where a piece of solicitor's work is suitable, the Unit's caseworker should check if the Applicant has given consent and if so, email ELA with an anonymised summary outlining the piece of work required as illustrated below. If an ELA volunteer is available, the Unit will then be informed.	Employment	England & Wales	Cynthia Clerk	<u>cynthiac@elaweb.org.uk</u>
<u>Employment Tribunal Litigant in Person Scheme (ELIPS)</u>	The scheme provides on-the-day advice to unrepresented litigants (claimants and respondents), aimed at those who cannot afford representation (although it will not be means tested).	Employment	London Central Employment Tribunal and Cardiff Employment Tribunal	Employment Lawyers Association (ELA) Members	<u>elips@elaweb.org.uk</u>

Court of Appeal Scheme	These are cases that have been granted permission to appeal to the Court of Appeal and have been referred to the Unit by the RCJ Advice Bureau.	Court of Appeal cases	England & Wales	This Scheme is also offered under the Bar Pro Bono Unit – Jess Campbell, CEO	JCampbell@BarProBono.org.uk
Court of Appeal Permissions Scheme	These are cases that have been granted an oral hearing to ask for permission to appeal to the Court of Appeal.	Court of Appeal cases	England & Wales	RCJ Advice: Seymona This Scheme is also offered under the Bar Pro Bono Unit – Jess Campbell, CEO	COAS@rcjadvise.org.uk
Inn's Disciplinary Scheme	The Inns' Scheme exists to enable Inn students with disciplinary issues to gain assistance from barristers through representation at hearings.	Students disciplinary issues	England & Wales	This Scheme is also offered under the Bar Pro Bono Unit – Jess Campbell, CEO	JCampbell@BarProBono.org.uk
<u>Joint CILEX Bar Scheme (JIB)</u>	The CILEX Pro Bono Forum has a joint pro bono scheme with the BPBU. The scheme, JIB, allocates a suitable CILEX Fellow volunteer to work alongside a BPBU barrister, providing the services needed for the case.	All	England & Wales		nhanning@cilexpbt.org.uk
<u>Personal Insolvency Litigation Advice & Representation Scheme (PILARS)</u>	These cases are sent to the Unit's caseworkers from the RCJ Advice Bureau on a PILARS application form. Defending a bankruptcy petition, applying to set aside a statutory demand or applying to annul a bankruptcy.	Bankruptcy	England & Wales		admin@pilars.org
Central London Family Court Scheme	10 Family Chambers near to the central London family court will send an advocate as and when is needed, with a day's notice.	Family	London	RCJ Advice Bureau	

[Cardiff Court
Family Free Advice
Clinic](#)

Operates from the family court, providing legal advice, information and advocacy two days a week. Collaboration between barristers, law firms and others.

Family

Cardiff

[Pro Bono Connect
Network](#)

Network of chambers and law firms willing to work together on pro bono cases, enables a barrister from a participating set to request assistance from a participating solicitor (and vice versa). The barristers act through the Bar Pro Bono Unit.

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[Waterloo Legal
Advice Service's
\(WLAS\)](#)

WLAS is a "drop in" centre open every Thursday between 6.30pm and 8.00pm. It provides advice and assistance to local residents. (Waterloo Action Centre, 14 Baylis Road, London, SE1 7AA).

Housing,
Employment,
Debt, Consumer,
Contract,
Immigration and
Personal Injury.

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Other Organisations Barristers may want to work with on a Pro Bono Basis

Organisation	Details	Contact Details
Advocacy Training Council (International Committee)	http://www.advocacytrainingcouncil.org/international-work/introduction	
Advocates for International Development	A4ID finds lawyers to advise development organisations free of charge on any of their legal needs in any country. Projects brokered by A4ID touch upon a range of legal issues that are suitable for lawyers at all levels and from across a wide variety of jurisdictions.	Joe Tan, Pro Bono Legal Services Manager +44 (0) 203 752 5486 joe.tan@a4id.org
Aire Centre	The AIRE Centre (Advice on Individual Rights in Europe) is a London based charity providing free legal advice on European human rights law and European Union law.	Mon, Wed & Fri between 10:30am and 6pm on 020 7831 4276 info@airecentre.org
Amnesty International	Human Rights Organisation working to investigate and expose abuses, educate and mobilise the public to transform societies to create a safer, more just world.	
ARTICLE 19	ARTICLE 19 is an international freedom of expression organisation, with an international office in London and different regional offices, mostly in need of pro bono assistance in matters concerning either international or regional or help with preparing third party interventions to high level domestic courts e.g. amicus briefs. For more information on the organisation's areas of work please click here and for their legal and policy work click here .	Barbora Bukovská Senior Director for Law and Policy + 44 (0) 20 7324 2500 barbora@article19.org

[Bar Human Rights Committee](#)

The Bar Human Rights Committee is the independent, international human rights arm of the Bar of England and Wales. It is dedicated to promoting justice and respect for human rights through the rule of law. For advertisements of pro bono opportunities, please see [here](#).

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[Beyond Borders Scotland](#)

Beyond Borders Scotland provides a platform for dialogue and international legal, diplomatic and cultural exchange. As such Beyond Borders offers a range of services on international cross border matters, providing advice, strategic policy development and bespoke capacity building programmes on a host of cross border issues. For more information on international projects, please see [here](#).

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[British Council](#)

The United Kingdom's international organisation for cultural relations and educational opportunities.

[Commonwealth Lawyers Association](#)

Commonwealth Lawyers Association (CLA) is a membership organisation for professional lawyers, academics and students practising within the Commonwealth although it welcomes qualified international lawyers and academics with an interest in its work. Seeks to uphold the rule of law by encouraging exchanges between members of the profession, through projects, conferences and workshops, and by driving improvements in legal education.

info@commonwealthlawyers.com

[Criminal Bar Association](#)

The Criminal Bar Association is providing the credible leadership necessary to ensure an independent, excellent and strong source of specialist criminal advocacy.

Aaron J Dolan, CBA Secretariat

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[European Human Rights Advocacy Centre](#)

EHRAC jointly litigates cases of pressing human rights issues from Russia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Armenia and Ukraine with local partners before the European Court of Human Rights and other international mechanisms. Values support of professionals offering Pro Bono legal services who contribute in operational support through the NGO Management Skills Internship Programme, Legal Support through the Legal Internship Programme and Professional legal support on a case by case basis by practising lawyers and experts in human rights law. For more information on pro bono please see [here](#).

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[Fair Trials International](#)

Works to improve the fundamental human right to fair trial. Any legal skills are welcome to support our work and no specific expertise in fair trial rights is e.g. through direct assistance and legal research. For more information, please see [here](#).

office@fairtrials.net

[Friends of the Earth](#)

Experience in Planning and Environmental Law and support individuals and communities in tackling national issues that affect our rights to protect the environment.

[Greenpeace](#)

Defends the natural world and promotes peace by investigating, exposing and confronting environmental abuse and championing responsible solutions.

[Human Rights Lawyers Association](#)

Membership organisation that exists to increase knowledge and understanding of human rights and to aid their effective implementation within the UK legal framework and system of government.

Interights

<http://www.interights.org/home/index.html>

[International Bar Association Human Rights Institute](#)

The International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI) works with the global legal community to promote and protect human rights and the independence of the legal profession worldwide. For more information on pro bono please see [here](#).

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[International Commission of Jurists](#)

Composed of eminent judges and lawyers from all regions of the world. The ICJ promotes and protects human rights and the rule of law by developing and strengthening both national and international justice systems.

info@icj.org

[Justice](#)

JUSTICE is a membership organisation, primarily of the legal profession, representing judges, barristers, solicitors, academic lawyers, law students and interested non-lawyers. For more information on how to support Justice, please see [here](#).

admin@justice.org.uk

[Liberty](#)

Campaigns for civil liberties and human rights in the UK. For more information on how to support Liberty, please see [here](#).

[Media Legal Defence Initiative](#)

Provides legal defence to journalists, bloggers and independent media across the world. Relies on a wide range of pro bono partners to provide their legal expertise free of charge. For more information on how to provide pro bono services, please see [here](#).

info@mediadefence.org

[National Pro Bono Unit \(NPBU\)](#)

The National Pro Bono Centre was established the aim of bringing together charities dedicated to the provision of pro bono legal services and access to justice. The charities under the NPBU include the [Bar Pro Bono Unit](#), [Law Works](#), [The London Legal Support Trust](#), [The Access to Justice Foundation](#), [Legal Action Group \(LAG\)](#), [The Litigant in Person Support Strategy](#), [Just Fair](#)

[Privacy International](#)

Privacy International challenges overreaching state and corporate surveillance, so that people everywhere can have greater security and freedom through greater personal privacy.

[Reprieve](#)

Provides free legal and investigative support to those facing execution, and those victimised by states' abusive counter-terror policies – rendition, torture, extrajudicial imprisonment and extrajudicial killing. For more information on pro bono services, please see [here](#).

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[ROLE UK](#)

The Rule of Law Expertise Programme works to strengthen the rule of law in developing countries through supporting the provision of pro bono legal and judicial expertise. Welcomes interest from experienced barristers who are looking to offer their knowledge, skills and experience for international rule of law assignments. For more information on how to join this network, please see [here](#).

info@roleuk.org.uk

[Hook Tangaza](#)

A boutique research and advisory firm working with institutions, firms and governments in the legal services sector.

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[Slynn Foundation](#)

Educational Charity working with senior judges and justice institutions around the world to improve justice systems and the rule of law to enhance professional understanding of human rights, mediation and European Union law and practice. For more information, please see [here](#).

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[Thomson Reuters Foundation](#)

TrustLaw is Thomson Reuters Foundation's global pro bono legal programme. It connects high-impact NGOs and social enterprises working to create social and environmental change with the best law firms and corporate legal teams to provide them with free legal assistance.

TrustLaw is free of service. Once they become members, NGOs and social enterprises can request free legal support, and lawyers can volunteer to work on projects that interest them. For more information see [here](#) and [here](#).