

Pro bono organisations and initiatives

Organisation / initiative	Website(s)	Contact
<p><u>Advocate</u></p> <p>Advocate, formerly The Bar Pro Bono Unit, was established in 1996 by Lord Goldsmith QC. It is the Bar's national charity which helps to find free legal assistance from volunteer barristers for those who need it. It co-ordinates a panel of 3,600 volunteer barristers and QCs who assist on cases. These volunteers specialise in all areas of law and can assist with any service which they would ordinarily provide in a paying case. This includes written legal advice on a case, legal advice in person, as well as representation in courts, tribunals and at mediation. There are currently no opportunities for solicitors to work directly with Advocate. However, we do work closely with Pro Bono Connect, an organisation which matches our barristers with solicitors on applications we receive which warrants solicitor support.</p>	<p>For more information on Advocate: https://weareadvocate.org.uk/</p> <p>For more information on Pro Bono Connect: https://probonoconnect.co.uk/</p>	<p>Bryony Wells, Volunteer Manager bwells@weareadvocate.org.uk</p> <p>Aaqib Javed, Caseworker ajaved@weareadvocate.org.uk</p>
<p><u>IP Pro Bono</u></p> <p>The intellectual property pro bono initiative - IP Pro Bono - provides intellectual property advice and legal support for claimants and defendants in intellectual property disputes.</p> <p>IP Pro Bono is the collaboration of a number of leading IP organisations, including: the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA) - which manages the scheme, the Chartered Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys (CITMA), the Intellectual Property Lawyers' Association (IPLA), the IP Bar and the Law Society.</p> <p>IP Pro Bono aims to respond to the challenge set out by His Honour</p>	<p>http://www.ipprobono.org.uk/</p>	<p>Kate O'Rourke, Immediate Past President of CITMA and Stephen Jones, Immediate Past President of CIPA at office@iprobono.org.uk</p>

<p>Judge Richard Hacon, that IP legal services providers should come together to provide intellectual property advice and legal support for individuals and small businesses who find themselves involved in intellectual property disputes, who could not otherwise afford to meet the costs of professional representation.</p>		
<p><u>JUSTICE</u></p> <p>JUSTICE is an all-party law reform and human rights organisation working to strengthen the justice system in the United Kingdom. Our vision is of a fair, accessible and efficient legal process, in which individual's rights are protected, and which reflect the country's international reputation for upholding and promoting the rule of law.</p> <p>JUSTICE is a membership organisation and our members are among our greatest assets. Being a member of JUSTICE will not only mean you support our vital work but have the opportunity to get involved with our work, access to our member only events, discounts to our Human Rights conference and other events, the opportunity to network with your peers and ensure you are the first to hear about upcoming working parties. As well as the warm glow of knowing you are supporting a small charity punching way above its weight.</p>	<p>https://justice.org.uk/</p>	<p>Daniel Hooper dhooper@justice.org.uk</p>
<p><u>Legal Advice Centre University House</u></p> <p>The Legal Advice Centre (University House) is one of the oldest independent advice centres in London. It was originally established during World War 2 to, amongst other things, advise local people on</p>	<p>www.legaladvicecentre.london</p>	<p>Eddie Coppinger eddie@legaladvicecentre.londen</p>

<p>bomb damage claims.</p> <p>Today, the centre provides a significant amount of specialist advice and support to vulnerable users. It holds the Specialist Quality Mark and operates out of two offices in Bethnal Green.</p> <p>Most of the centre's work is project-based, and most of its projects are pro bono friendly. University House has developed partnership working with a number of commercial law firms.</p>		
<p><u>Litigants in Person Network</u></p> <p>The Litigant in Person Network (LIP Network) supports organisations and individuals who work with, help and support people facing legal issues alone. Through our website we collect and signpost to information, resources and support materials to help deliver services to litigants in person.</p> <p>We make connections between our members and other external partners, allowing them to collaborate on projects and share best practice and learnings. We also support and facilitate our members in engaging with emerging trends, research and contributing to policy reviews.</p>	<p>www.lipnetwork.org.uk</p>	<p>Martha de la Roche, Network Development Manager marthadelaroch@atjf.org.uk</p>
<p><u>The Royal Courts of Justice Citizen Advice Bureau Voluntary Advisor scheme</u></p> <p>Our organisation offers a range of free legal and general advice services. Our free legal advice offering centres on clinics giving civil legal advice to litigants in person held at our office in the Royal Courts of Justice on the Strand.</p>	<p>http://www.rcjadvice.org.uk/</p>	<p>Rebecca Scott – Director of Legal Services</p> <p>rebecca.scott@rcjadvice.org.uk 0207 947 6370/7431</p>

<p>We have around 200 volunteer lawyers from about 60 firms volunteering on a rota basis and we ask that lawyers are qualified and confident in litigation procedure. Clinics take place weekdays between 10am and 1pm or 2pm and 5pm and there is no preparation or follow up work required. Support is given before you start and on site.</p>		
<p><u>TrustLaw</u></p> <p><u>TrustLaw</u> is the <u>Thomson Reuters Foundation's</u> global pro bono service and the world's largest legal pro bono network. TrustLaw's team finds and scopes pro bono legal projects and connects lawyers in more than 175 countries with NGOs and social enterprises who need assistance. Our network has over 5500 members, consisting of nearly 1000 law firms and in-house legal teams and 4500 NGOs and social enterprises. TrustLaw's legal members can engage in advisory work, for example: corporate governance and structuring advice, intellectual property advice or employment advice. They can also conduct research on human rights or other social issues such as modern slavery, women's rights or the climate emergency; or help to prepare legal guides for the social sector. Our publications can be found on our website under <u>Tools & Resources</u>. Read our latest <u>Stories of Impact</u>, featuring the lawyers and NGOs using the law to fight for social change.</p>	<p>http://www.trust.org/trustlaw/</p>	<p>Alex Webster, trustlaw@thomsonreuters.com</p>