

# SPOTLIGHT ON: PRO BONO WEEK 2022

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*For #Probonoweek2022, Chambers speaks to Elaine Banton about the importance of barristers getting involved with pro bono.*





What does  
Pro bono mean to you?



Pro bono work is close to my heart and means being able to help people who might not have been assisted legally. It is very important, mutually beneficial and represents giving back.

I started doing voluntary work in North Islington Law Centre and Women Against Sexual Harassment at the outset of my career. It reconnects me to why I came to the Bar; to help people. A relatively small intervention can really make a difference. My pro bono work has involved small cases as well as substantial litigation or appeals that have set precedents. I find both the work stimulating and working with the clients enriching.





In what ways do you get involved with Pro bono?



I've worked on a Pro bono basis from the outset of my practice. I started doing voluntary work in Law Centres. Over the years I've found cases from Advocate or other sources.





Would you recommend Pro bono to other barristers?



Yes, I would encourage others to get involved with Pro bono initiatives. There are many to choose from so find something that suits and appeals to you. I'm confident you will benefit from the experience in manifold ways.