2014 European Pro Bono Forum

5–7 November
The Mermaid
London

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Welcome from PILnet

As the European pro bono movement takes root around the world, PILnet brings its 2014 European Pro Bono Forum to London, a global legal capital about to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta. The London legal community has been a leader in the development of pro bono practice, and London is fertile ground for developing new approaches to strengthening the rule of law.

But any conversation about pro bono in the U.K. must acknowledge recent cuts to legal aid that have left people across the country unable to access the legal advice they need in order to secure justice. Many look to pro bono to fill the gap. But can it? Should it? A debate about these questions will kick off this year’s workshops.

The Forum is our opportunity to re-think pro bono’s place within the panoply of legal solutions to our most pressing societal challenges. These challenges are not limited to the U.K., nor are they limited to problems of access to basic legal advice. Across Europe and beyond, we are experiencing new threats to privacy, freedom of association and the rights of LGBTI people. Climate change, immigration and global health issues also concern us all. We have endeavored to put together a rich program featuring front-line practitioners that will inspire us to engage on these issues and many others.

We know, however, that inspiration is not enough. Without know-how, guidance, and financial resources, enthusiasm fades and too many projects get stuck at the starting gate. Some of this year’s workshops will look at collaborative schemes in Europe and Africa that are creating practical and durable solutions. Other workshops will look at the latest efforts to build the pro bono resource as a whole, including efforts to mobilize the next generation of pro bono lawyers and initiatives to better measure pro bono efforts and their impact.

On behalf of PILnet, and its Board of Directors and staff, it is our pleasure to welcome you to London, to National Pro Bono Week, and to PILnet’s 2014 European Pro Bono Forum. We hope that you come away with great ideas and the practical insights and relationships needed to make them work.

Ed Rekosh  
Founder and President, PILnet

Barbara Schatz  
Chair, PILnet Board of Directors
PILnet would like to thank the Oak Foundation, the Open Society Foundations, the River Star Foundation and the Sigrid Rausing Trust, all whose generous support makes PILnet’s work possible.
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About PILnet

PILnet envisions a world where law delivers justice. We connect and equip lawyers to protect human rights, advance social justice and defend the most vulnerable.

PILnet has two core strategies: training, supporting and collaborating with public interest lawyers on a global scale and building and strengthening the global pro bono community. Our approach is to connect and collaborate with partners to create globally-available resources that make local public interest advocacy more effective. While PILnet’s reach is worldwide, our innovative strategies are driven by local actors.

Strengthening Public Interest Lawyers

PILnet strengthens the effectiveness of public interest lawyers around the world through fellowships, training programs and other special initiatives. We provide unique connections and resources to global networks of like-minded advocates. For example, our International Fellows program has transformed the lives and careers of more than 100 leading public interest lawyers from 36 countries. Our Fellows work on a wide range of issues from protecting civil liberties and economic and social rights, to addressing climate change and LGBTI rights.

Building and Deploying the Global Pro Bono Community

PILnet is leading the way in a global effort to build pro bono communities locally in order to strengthen civil society and ensure access to justice. PILnet has linked together a global network of pro bono clearinghouses - including its own pioneering initiatives in Europe, Asia and West Africa - which connect law firms and corporations as pro bono service providers with NGOs and individuals in need of legal assistance. Further, PILnet widens and deepens the global pro bono community through convening annual Pro Bono Forums in Europe and Asia bringing together the key actors in those regions. As global pro bono culture grows around the world, PILnet is creating resources that make local advocacy more effective.

For more information on PILnet’s work and how to get involved, visit www.pilnet.org.
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PILnet’s Pro Bono Achievements

Public interest law is never static; it has to be open to change and respond to previously unresolved legal issues. PILnet is no different. Over the past twelve months we have enlarged our current programs and reconfigured our approach to meet new demands.

In 2013, the grassroots work of PILnet’s regional clearinghouses continued to mobilize legal assistance for local NGOs across the globe. Hong Kong joined PILnet’s existing Hungarian, Russian and Global clearinghouses to broaden our network of international expertise. PILnet’s clearinghouses successfully paired 61 law firms with 119 NGOs, with partnerships spread across 25 countries, totaling almost 9500 hours of pro bono.

PILnet’s Hong Kong office, launched at the end of 2013, immediately built on the pro bono potential in the Asia-Pacific region through the inaugural Asia Pro Bono Forum. The 180 attendees—nearly double our expectations—began a cross-border discussion that established a fresh foundation for the pro bono movement.

The Hungarian Clearinghouse partnered with its neighbors to offer support to fledging pro bono groups. By visiting each country to get a sense of its own unique climate, PILnet helped bring the legal and voluntary sectors together in Moldova, Georgia, Ukraine and Azerbaijan.

In order for pro bono to take hold, PILnet understands that a cultural shift needs to take place among legal practitioners themselves—an especially tall order in young legal markets. PILnet’s Russia and Hungarian offices, in cooperation with academic institutions and international law firms, organized several legal ethics trainings for students. In Yekaterinburg, a similar model was successfully piloted with local, smaller firms that are new to the concept of pro bono.

Impact in mind, the Global Clearinghouse reorganized its own internal networks and began managing LGBTI taskforce in 2014. The taskforce takes an issue-oriented, strategic approach to pro bono, and is comprised of specialists drawn from both the nonprofit and private legal sectors. PILnet is already increasing the scope of the taskforce model to include Roma rights, anti-trafficking, civil liberties and asylum rights.

Since 2008 and through our fellows, PILnet has been involved in building the pro bono movement in Nigeria as well. Notably, PILnet collaborated with the public, private, academic and NGO sectors in Lagos to launch the first pro bono clearinghouse in Nigeria and this past year, contributed to the establishment of the Lagos State Public Interest Law Partnership, which has now reached over 420 indigent persons in need of pro bono advice.

PILnet is exceptionally proud of the expansion of the European Pro Bono Forum since its inaugural one in 2007. The event has moved beyond its core European audience to attracting participants from all over the world. But action still needs to happen on a local level. This is why PILnet is planning to host a second Asia Pro Bono Forum in 2015 as well as laying the groundwork for a future forum in Latin America. We look forward to supporting each new pro bono community as they strengthen regional access to justice mechanisms.
Welcome from the Forum Host Committee

We would like to welcome you to London for PILnet’s eighth annual European Pro Bono Forum.

As we continue to feel the effects of a challenging economic period, the legal profession continues to step forward to provide vital assistance to individuals and NGOs at home and abroad.

England and Wales have a long history of pro bono engagement, and at all stages throughout their career many lawyers regard pro bono legal work as an integral part of being a member of the legal profession. It has been several years since we signed the England and Wales pro bono protocol and founded the National Pro Bono Centre; however, we recognise that need greatly outstrips provision, and that we must be more innovative, more creative and more efficient in our delivery of pro bono in order to ensure that the most vulnerable people in our society are not left without access to justice.

PILnet’s annual European Pro Bono Forum has played a major role in building support for pro bono across the continent and developing strategies and methods for expanding the sector. We are delighted to host them in 2014 and look forward to working with other members of the pro bono community to answer critical questions about impact and evaluation in pro bono.

PILnet and the Forum Host Committee wish to extend a warm welcome to London and the European Pro Bono Forum. We hope that you will all find the conference interesting and informative, as well as an opportunity to network with pro bono leaders from across the globe.

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Registration Desk  Thursday, 6 November  |  08:15 – 18:00
Friday, 7 November  |  08:30 – 12:30

PILnet Contact Numbers  +36 20 569 7170  |  +36 20 223 5167

Social Events
All Forum participants are welcome to attend the following social events:

•  Wednesday, 5 November  |  19:00 – 22:00
  Forum Welcome Reception
  The Law Society’s Hall, 113 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1PL

•  Thursday, 6 November  |  19:00 – 22:00
  2014 Pro Bono Awards Dinner
  The Brewery, 52 Chiswell Street, London EC1Y 4SD

Please note that transport is not provided. Both venues are approximately a 20-minute walk from The Mermaid.

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Conference participants are welcome to tweet, using the hashtag #probonoforum. The Chatham House rule applies.

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To receive a certificate of attendance, which may assist in securing CPD/CLE accreditation, please ask at the registration desk or email anniedunster98@gmail.com

Security
For security purposes, delegates are requested to wear their name badges at all times during the conference.

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Mermaid Floorplan Maps

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Upper River Room
Queenhithe
Newgate Suite

Mezzanine & Lower River Room

Lower River Room

Ground Floor & Auditorium

Auditorium
Main Entrance & Registration
PILnet’s 2014 European Pro Bono Forum Agenda
LONDON, 5–7 NOVEMBER 2014

5 November

The following events are by invitation only:

09:00 – 10:00 Meeting of the European Pro Bono Alliance
10:00 – 18:00 Meeting for Pro Bono Clearinghouses
14:00 – 16:00 Pro Bono for In-House Counsel Roundtable
16:30 – 18:00 Meeting of the PILnet Pro Bono Council

Open to all Forum registrants:

19:00 – 22:00 Forum Welcome Reception

Sponsored by The Law Society for England and Wales

Location: The Law Society’s Hall,
113 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1PL

- Andrew Caplen | President of the Law Society for England and Wales | U.K.
- The Rt. Hon. The Lord Goldsmith QC | Debevoise & Plimpton | U.K.
- Atanas Politov | PILnet | Hungary

6 November

Location: The Mermaid
Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3DB

08:15 – 18:00 Registration

09:00 – 09:45 Opening Plenary

- The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor of the City of London | Alderman Fiona Woolf CBE | U.K.
- Dr. Xavier Emmanuelli | Samusocial International, former French Secretary of State for Emergency Humanitarian Aid | France
- Edwin Rekosh | PILnet | U.S.A.
09:45–10:45  

Debate: Access to Justice, Legal Aid and Pro Bono in the U.K.

Moderator:
- Joshua Rozenberg | legal journalist | U.K.

Speakers:
- Julie Bishop | Law Centres Network | U.K.
- Robin Knowles | The National Pro Bono Centre | U.K.
- Yasmin Waljee | Hogan Lovells | U.K.

10:45–11:15  

Coffee Break

Sponsored by Pro Bono Deutschland e.V.

WORKSHOP STREAMS

A. Pro Bono: Local to Global
B. Scaling Up Pro Bono Impact
C. Human Rights Labs
D. Pro Bono How-To Sessions

11:15–12:45  

WORKSHOP SESSION 1

A. Pro Bono in the U.K.: Meeting Need, Maximizing Impact

Sponsored by Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

This workshop will explore how pro bono can be targeted at legal advice deserts, such as family law, housing and homelessness. As part of this discussion it will also explore the potential for commercial lawyers to work in secondary specializations that complement their skills and at the same time, address unmet legal need.

Moderator:
- Rachael Marsh | LawWorks | U.K.

Speakers:
- Sinead Mulhern | Legal Support Project | Northern Ireland
- Jo Weiss | White & Case | U.S.A.
- Paul Yates | Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer | U.K.
B. Social Enterprise: For-Profit Pro Bono?

This workshop will introduce the work of social entrepreneurs and explore ways in which pro bono lawyers can support their work. It will also provide the opportunity to address some of the questions and challenges of doing this work.

Moderator:
- Barbara Schatz | PILnet | Columbia University | U.S.A.

Panelists:
- Michelle Chan | Michelle Chan Law Firm | U.K.
- Julie Devonshire | UnLtd | U.K.
- Chloe Holderness | Lex Mundi Pro Bono Foundation | U.S.A.
- Rene A. Kathawala | Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe | U.S.A.

C. LGBTI Rights

Progress in securing LGBTI rights across Europe has been significant over the last year, but so too has been mobilization of anti-LGBTI movements and government crack-downs on activists. The role of the legal profession in strengthening legal protection and in unlocking access to justice has never been more important. This workshop will explore the most urgent legal needs of the LGBTI movement and explore how pro bono lawyers can meet those needs.

Moderator:
- Patrick Rickerfor | White & Case | U.S.A.

Speakers:
- Tim Barnden | Wesley Gryk Solicitors | U.K.
- Jana Grieb | McDermott Will & Emery Rechtsanwälte Steuerberater | Germany
- Richard Kohler | Transgender Europe | Germany
- Nigel Warner | ILGA–Europe | U.K.

D. How to Find the Right Pro Bono Project for In-House Counsel

Navigating the complex limitations of in-house pro bono presents a significant challenge for company lawyers that want to volunteer their legal skills for social causes. Speakers in this workshop will...
discuss their own experience of overcoming regulatory obstacles and of finding the right pro bono projects for in-house counsel.

**Moderator:**
- Tanin Tehrani | PILnet | U.S.A.

**Speakers:**
- Claire Carless | Siemens | U.K.
- Tom Dunn | Clifford Chance | U.K.
- Shinobu K. Garrigues-Pula | Caterpillar | Belgium
- Charles-Albert Helleputte | Mayer Brown | Belgium
- Paul Newdick | Clyde & Co | U.K.

12:45 – 14:00
Lunch
Newgate and Mezzanine

14:00 – 15:00
**SPARK TALKS**
Auditorium

“Spark Talks” will give space to thought leaders within the public interest law field to provoke the imagination, innovation, and challenge attitudes through short but stimulating presentations.

**Speakers:**
- Sue Gardner | IBM | U.K.
- Steven A. Reiss | Weil, Gotshal & Manges | U.S.A.
- Joss Saunders | Oxfam | U.K.

15:00–16:30
**WORKSHOP SESSION 2**
Lower River Room

A. Collaborating for More Effective Pro Bono in the U.K.

A movement is underway to promote cooperation across local and international firms in the U.K., allowing them to share structural know-how and help launch more—and better—in-firm pro bono programs. Speakers in this workshop will discuss the collaborative plan for pro bono in the U.K., and law firms with a U.K. office can sign up to be part of this profession-led initiative.

**Moderator:**
- John Corker | National Pro Bono Resource Centre | Australia

**Speakers:**
- Sarah Morton-Ramwell | Reed Smith | U.K.
- Steven H. Schulman | Akin Gump | U.S.A.
B. Pro Bono Advice Clinics: What’s Next?

Pro bono advice clinics are a critical link to legal services in the U.K.; with volunteer lawyers and law students providing assistance to individuals who are otherwise unable to access state-funded legal aid. As a result of cuts to legal aid and other public service budgets, there has been an unprecedented rise in the number of people seeking assistance at such clinics. What’s next for pro bono advice clinics as they adapt to the changes? How can they achieve the best outcomes for their clients in the new environment?

Moderator:
- David Raeburn | LawWorks | U.K.

Speakers:
- Eddie Coppinger | University House Legal Advice Centre | U.K.
- Alison Ewart | DLA Piper | U.K.
- Richard Grimes | University of York | U.K.
- Monika Sobiecki | Pump Court Chambers | U.K.
- Victoria Speed | BPP Law School | U.K.

C. Racial Equality and Social Inclusion

This workshop will examine the interconnected themes of racial equality and social inclusion and feature a series of experts from the legal sector, academia and established NGOs. Discussions will focus on the unique vulnerabilities of the Roma community in Europe and how pro bono legal work can help reset the balance. The discussion will also feature the results of an in-depth study on the topic recently completed in Spain.

Moderator:
- Costel Bercus | Romani CRISS | Romania

Speakers:
- Mariana Berbac Rostas | Open Society Foundations | Hungary
- Jose Garcia-Anon | University of Valencia | Spain
- Balazs Sahin-Toth | Allen & Overy | Hungary
- Adam Weiss | European Roma Rights Centre | Hungary
D. How to Do High-Impact Pro Bono for NGOs

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Sponsored by Allen & Overy

It’s how you get there. High-impact pro bono for NGOs takes many forms, such as strategic litigation or input into advocacy methods. Regardless of the final goal, however, commercial lawyers can maximize their contribution through the type of partnerships that they build with NGOs. Through a Q&A format, this session will tease out the challenges of working in concert on broad strategies, address the questions law firms and NGOs have about such a relationship, and what speakers have learned from their hands-on experience.

Moderator:
• Oliver Lewis | Mental Disability Advocacy Center | Hungary

Speakers:
• Claire Fourel | Ashurst | U.K.
• Sylwia Gregorczyk-Abram | Clifford Chance | Poland
• David Hawkins | The Public Interest Litigation Support Project | Northern Ireland
• Nanyi Kaluma | Allen & Overy | Belgium
• Peter Noorlander | Media Legal Defence Initiative | U.K.

16:30 – 18:00

PRO BONO MARKETPLACE & COFFEE

Sponsored by Dentons

NGOs, law firms, law schools and companies will have the opportunity to discuss their pro bono programs with Forum participants, to develop partnerships on specific pro bono projects and to distribute their materials.

19:00 – 22:00

PRO BONO AWARDS DINNER

Sponsored by White & Case

• The Hon Mrs Justice Asplin | High Court Justice of England and Wales | U.K.

Location: The Brewery
52 Chiswell Street, London EC1Y 4SD
**7 November**

Location: The Mermaid  
Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3DB

09:00–10:30  
**WORKSHOP SESSION 3**

**A. Building Local Cultures of Pro Bono: Case Studies from Germany, Spain, Italy, Portugal & Ukraine**  
Lower River Room

Sponsored by Ashurst

For pro bono to have a lasting impact it needs to be embedded within its local community. Drawing upon case studies from Germany, Spain, Ukraine, Italy and Portugal, this workshop will look at the tools, networks and institutions that are currently being used to help build local cultures of pro bono across Europe.

**Moderator:**  
• Carmen Pombo | Fundacion Fernando Pombo | Spain

**Speakers:**  
• Peter Braun | Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe | Germany  
• Stefano Macchi di Cellere | Jones Day | Italy  
• Volodymyr Kolvakh | CMS Cameron McKenna | Ukraine  
• Teresa Morais Leitao | Pro Bono Portugal | Portugal  
• Marta Reina | Fundacion Hazloposible | Spain

**B. Can Statistics and Rankings Increase the Impact of Pro Bono?**  
Queenhithe

Pro bono rankings are embraced in Australia and in the U.S., but the U.K. remains on the fence. What is it about gathering pro bono data and performance rankings that remains so controversial? The workshop will feature key voices from the global debate about the role and influence of data and navigate the difficult question of how stats can be used to increase the impact of pro bono.

**Moderator:**  
• Edwin Rekosh | PILnet | U.S.A.
Speakers:

- **Michael Goldhaber** | The American Lawyer | U.S.A.
- **Fiona McLeay** | Justice Connect | Australia
- **Alisha Miranda** | Trustlaw Connect | U.K.
- **Dina Stukanow de Paterson** | Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice | U.S.A.

**C. Freedom of Expression and Information in the Digital World**

Upper River Room

The internet has become a crucial tool for freedom of expression. However, evidence of mass surveillance of the public’s online activity, collection of personal data and crackdowns on those that use the internet to broadcast news from within repressive regimes demonstrates that there is a widening gap in the protection of rights online. Leading voices from the NGO and legal communities will outline the big challenges in this field and explore the role for pro bono lawyers in addressing them.

**Moderator:**

- **Gabrielle Guillemin** | Article 19 | U.K.

**Speakers:**

- **Adriana Edmeades** | Privacy International | U.K.
- **Lucy Purdon** | Institute for Human Rights and Business | U.K.
- **Harry Small** | Baker & McKenzie | U.K.

**D. How to Build a Pro Bono Practice in Your Firm**

Auditorium

This session is aimed at lawyers who are interested in building a pro bono practice in their firm where there is no full-time pro bono management or no formalized pro bono program. The panel of speakers will be made up of professional lawyers who can share practical insights and tips for building a program in a commercial law firm.

**Moderator:**

- **Dmitry Shabelnikov** | PILnet | Russia

**Speakers:**

- **David Hillard** | Clayton Utz | Australia
- **Ozgur Kahale** | DLA Piper | France
WORKSHOP SESSION 4

A. The Nigerian Collaborative Clearinghouse Model: A New Model, New Opportunities

How can state institutions, commercial firms, and civil society work together to build a clearinghouse that serves the needs of NGOs and individual citizens? This workshop explores the successful collaboration in Lagos that resulted in an important new resource; one that takes into account the limitations of traditional legal aid. With an emphasis on the creation of a sustainable infrastructure, this model represents a unique format for clearinghouses that has exciting potential for replication, not to mention an opportunity for international firms to transfer their ethos of public service to a Nigerian setting.

Moderator:
• Babatunde Irukera | PILnet | SimmonsCooper Partners | Nigeria

Speakers:
• Morayo Adebayo | Justice Research Institute | Nigeria
• Adeola Ipaye | Lagos State Ministry of Justice | Nigeria
• Funmi Owuye | Lagos State Public Interest Law Partnership | Nigeria

B. The Future of Pro Bono Clearinghouses: An Open Conversation Between Clearinghouses, Law Firms and NGOs

As local cultures of pro bono emerge around the world, it is important that we take stock of what has been achieved through the clearinghouse model and, more importantly, make a frank assessment of how the model can and should evolve. With contributions from leading clearinghouses, law firms and NGOs, this workshop provides space for an open conversation on the future of pro bono clearinghouses.

Moderator:
• Dwayne Baraka | valueCSR | U.K.
Speakers:
- Yasmin Batliwala | Advocates for International Development | U.K.
- Claudia Leissner | Probono | Germany
- Heidi Newbigging | Mayer Brown | U.K.
- Atanas Politov | PILnet | Hungary
- Laura Tuell Parcher | Jones Day | U.S.A.
- Monique Villa | Thomson Reuters Foundation | U.K.

C. The Role of Pro Bono Lawyers in Ensuring the Protection of Refugee Rights

Upper River Room

This workshop will encourage discussion on how pro bono lawyers from private practice and in-house legal teams can help to protect the rights of refugees. It will focus primarily on the immense legal challenges faced by refugees in Europe, highlight the legal tools and opportunities that could improve refugee protection, and demonstrate what pro bono lawyers have already done to meet this challenge.

Moderator:
- Michael Diedring | European Council for Refugees and Exiles | Belgium

Speakers:
- Rima Alaily | Microsoft | U.S.A.
- S. Chelvan | No5 Chambers | U.K.
- Alison Harvey | Immigration Law Practitioners’ Association | U.K.
- Stephen Jones | Baker & McKenzie | U.K.

D. How to Engage Young Lawyers in Meaningful Pro Bono

Auditorium

Driven by the desire to make a difference as well as the chance to get more hands on experience, law students, trainees and junior associates are drawn to pro bono work. This workshop offers an opportunity to hear directly from these young lawyers. What motivates them? How can clinics, law centers and law firms better utilize their potential of their potential? What guidance would enable young lawyers to do more meaningful pro bono?
Moderator:
• Anna Collignon | Stibbe | The Netherlands

Speakers:
• Miriam Buhl | Weil, Gotshal & Manges | U.S.A.
• David Dowling | Pro Bono Community | U.K.
• Rebecca Greenhalgh | Debevoise & Plimpton | U.K.
• Maeve O’Rourke | World Economic Forum Global Shapers | U.K.
• Katie Rigg | Farrer & Co. | U.K.

12:30–13:30
FORUM CLOSING PLENARY
Auditorium
• Rebecca Hilsenrath | Equality and Human Rights Commission | U.K.
• Marianne McKeown | PILnet | U.K.
• Michael Napier CBE QC | Attorney General’s Pro Bono Envoy | U.K.
• Atanas Politov | PILnet | Hungary

13:30–
Lunch
Newgate and Mezzanine

14:00–17:00
PRO BONO IN THE AMERICAS ROUNDTABLE
(by invitation)
Location: The Law Society of England and Wales
113 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1PL
Forum Speakers Biographies

Morayo Adebayo is a passionate human rights lawyer and currently works as a project officer with the Justice Research Institute (JRI) in Lagos, Nigeria. Prior to joining JRI, she worked with the Public Advice Centre of the Lagos State Ministry of Justice. Adebayo holds an LL.M. degree in international human rights and terrorism law from Lancaster University, U.K.

Rima Alaily is an assistant general counsel at Microsoft Corporation, providing competition law counseling. She also is the chair of the legal department’s pro bono steering committee. Alaily is on the board of directors of KIND – Kids in Need of Defense, whose mission is to provide pro bono representation to unaccompanied children in U.S. immigration proceedings. She also serves on the board of directors for the Northwest Justice Project, the largest civil legal aid organization in Washington State, and LAWFund, which raises funds for all civil legal aid organizations in Washington State.

The Hon Mrs Justice Asplin DBE is a judge in the Chancery Division, High Court of Justice of England and Wales. She became the Head of Chambers of 3 Stone Buildings in 2009, and was a Deputy High Court Judge from 2007 until her appointment in 2012. Currently Mrs Justice Asplin is leading the coordination of judicial initiatives across England & Wales in relation to litigants in person.

Dwayne Baraka runs valueCSR, a strategic consultancy focusing the business case for CSR and sustainability. He has worked on the corporate strategy of several of the FTSE 100 and many more, including for tech companies, housing associations, and construction companies. He has written award-winning articles on CSR, and since 2010 has been an editor of the Encyclopedia of Corporate Social Responsibility. He has worked in CSR in Australia, Belarus, Belgium, Canada, Ireland, Latvia, Lebanon, Norway, U.A.E., the U.S. and the U.K. Dwayne blogs at www.dwaynebaraka.com/blog and maintains the CSRLegal50, a list of lawyers who practice in CSR.

Tim Barnden is the current chair of trustees at the UK Lesbian and Gay Immigration Group (UKLGiG). UKLGiG works primarily on behalf of LGBTI refugees and asylum seekers. Barnden is a solicitor and partner at Wesley Gryk LLP. He has 20 years’ experience in the field of asylum and the legal representation of migrants. He is vocal in his support for refugees, and believes that to equip refugees with the tools to claim asylum successfully, they need both to access quality representation, and be armed directly with knowledge and information to take control of their claim in the U.K.

Yasmin Batliwala is chief executive officer of Advocates for International Development (A4ID). A4ID provides international pro bono opportunities to its 50,000+ lawyers working worldwide, runs training programs on law and development, and is a dynamic thought leader which has recently focused on the mix of business, human rights, and the rule of law in respect to
the post-2015 Development Agenda. Batliwala has extensive experience in the public sector and third sector, having held a number of leadership positions over the years. She has also undertaken work with the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime. Batliwala is a magistrate serving on the Youth and Adult Bench.

**Mariana Berbec Rostas** is the program manager for equality with the Human Rights Initiative of the Open Society Foundations (OSF). She works on advancing rights of ethnic minorities, specializing in Roma issues in Europe, and on promoting effective equality standards globally. With OSF since 2001, Berbec Rostas worked on legal empowerment of the poor, human rights education, and equality and antidiscrimination law reform in Europe. She helped set up human rights university law clinics globally, and train community paralegals in Eastern Europe. Berbec Rostas holds a LL.M. in comparative constitutional law, with a focus on human rights, from the Central European University in Budapest.

**Costel Bercus** graduated in international relations and European studies. Since 1997 he has been working as a human rights activist with Romani CRISS (Roma Center for Social Interventions and Studies), where he is executive director. Previously he was a board member and chairman of the Roma Education Fund (REF) and led the Roma Civic Alliance of Romania. He is the founder of CMC Project Team Consulting, a company that provides capacity building and technical assistance for local authorities to develop integration programs for Roma inclusion. He is senior adviser on Roma issues at the Bernard van Leer Foundation.

**Julie Bishop** is director of the U.K.’s Law Centres Network, a post that she has held for six years. Prior to this, Bishop was director of the National Association of Community Legal Centres in Australia for over five years, and worked at the community level of the legal aid sector in Australia for almost 20 years. Bishop’s professional training is in IT. It was as an IT consultant that she first worked in legal aid. Before turning to technology and law, Bishop studied and taught philosophy at the University of Sydney.

**Peter Braun** is a partner of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, and heads the infrastructure practice in the firm’s Frankfurt office. He specializes in national and international matters of public procurement law, privatizations, public-private partnerships, and advises clients on compliance-related matters. Braun is a member of the board of Pro Bono Deutschland e.V., an association founded in February 2011 to achieve greater recognition and a more widespread implementation of the concept of pro bono legal advice among lawyers in Germany. He is also a member of PILnet’s Pro Bono Council.

**Miriam Buhl** is pro bono counsel at Weil, Gotshal & Manges and has coordinated the firm’s award-winning worldwide pro bono program since 2005. In 2013, Weil, Gotshal & Manges’s 1200 attorneys performed more than 80,000 hours of pro bono work on a wide range of issues, including human rights, economic development, corporate governance, political asylum and environmental protection. Buhl co-teaches the Externship on Pro Bono Program and Design at Columbia University Law School. She is a member of PILnet’s Pro Bono Council, the Benjamin N.
Andrew Caplen is the president of the Law Society of England and Wales. He is a consultant with Heppenstalls, of Hampshire. Caplen has a particular interest in access to justice. He was one of the co-authors of the Law Society’s access to justice review and has written and spoken widely on access to justice and legal aid issues. Caplen is a former chair of the Law Society’s access to justice committee.

Claire Carless is general counsel (Great Britain, Ireland and North West Europe) of Siemens plc. Carless started her career in private practice in the City and in Hong Kong, before taking on her first in-house role in 1992. She joined Vodafone in 2000, and held a number of roles covering both corporate and commercial work, including a short secondment to Vodafone New Zealand. Carless joined Siemens U.K. in January 2012 as general counsel, and later expanded her role to include North West Europe. Carless is also a non-executive director of the South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust, and a trustee of LawWorks, the national pro bono charity.

Michelle Chan is a “lawtrepreneur” or sole practitioner, licensed in Ontario, Canada as a barrister/solicitor and a non-practicing barrister in England. Chan’s law offices are engaged in representation, research, advice and consultancy for human rights groups, creative professionals, and social entrepreneurs around the world. The goal of Chan’s legal practice is to partner strategically to improve access to rights and address injustices by designing, implementing, and protecting systems that are innovative, empowering and sustainable.

S. Chelvan is a barrister at No 5 Chambers. Chelvan litigates, and provides advice on strategic litigation, from the first-tier Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber), up to the U.K. Supreme Court and the European courts. Chelvan has a practice that spans the entire spectrum of immigration, asylum and nationality law. His clients range from the individual asylum seeker to large-scale businesses and educational institutions. His international work not only includes litigation, but also encompasses advisory work with practitioners, academics, the judiciary, UNHCR, NGOs, the media and governments. Chelvan was named U.K. legal aid barrister of the year in 2014.

Anna Collignon is a senior associate at Stibbe, Amsterdam, a leading Benelux law firm with an internationally oriented full-service practice. Collignon specializes in general administrative law, environmental and planning law, human rights, and governmental liability issues. She acts for a wide range of companies, developers, and public bodies, representing them before the Dutch and European court and in negotiations with government agencies and other public authorities. She also litigates in these fields before national and European courts on a pro bono basis.

Eddie Coppinger studied law at London’s Guildhall and social policy at Goldsmiths. He was employed by two U.K. trade unions, but for most of his working life he has worked for nonprofit
law centers based in London. While employed by the trade union movement, Coppinger was actively involved on European matters, and also attended the International Labour Organisation as a trade union nominated expert. Coppinger is presently the director of the Legal Advice Centre (University House), which is one of the oldest independent advice centers in London. He also serves as a trustee on a number of charitable management boards.

John Corker is the director of Australia’s National Pro Bono Resource Centre based in Sydney. He has held that position since January 2004. The Centre is an independent centre of expertise that aims to grow the capacity of the Australian legal profession to provide pro bono legal services. Previously Corker was a senior associate with law firm Clayton Utz, general counsel for the Australian Broadcasting Authority, an aboriginal legal aid lawyer in Central Australia and a barrister in the State of Victoria. He has been practicing law for over 25 years and obtained his law degrees from Monash University (LL.B.) and UNSW (LL.M.).

Julie Devonshire is the director of ventures at UnLtd and is responsible for finding, supporting and growing exceptional social ventures in the U.K.; about 100 each year, all delivering social change. Devonshire comes to UnLtd from one of the biggest outfits of socially driven commerce in the U.K., Oxfam Trading. Previous to this, Devonshire spent five and a half years as COO of One, and then as CEO of The One Foundation. One sells a range of products in the U.K., donating 100% of the profits to build life-changing projects in Africa. To date, One has raised more than £10m, changing millions of lives in Africa.

Michael Diedring is secretary general of European Council for Refugees and Exiles. Diedring is a lawyer and rule of law/international development professional whose life was transformed by a “short sabbatical” from law firm practice in the early 1990s to assist in legal reform in Central and Eastern Europe. Diedring has worked in more than 60 countries. He was executive director of the CEELI Institute (Prague) and director general of the Baltic Management Institute (Vilnius), country representative for the Baltic-American Enterprise Fund (Vilnius), and deputy director of the International Bar Association and ABA Central and East European Law Initiative.

David Dowling is an associate in the corporate department at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. He is also chair of Trustees and co-founded Pro Bono Community, a new charity that trains and accredits law students before they volunteer with law centers and advice agencies. David was named trainee solicitor of the Year 2013 at the All About Law awards ceremony. Outside of law, Dowling is also governor of a school in Tower Hamlets.

Tom Dunn is the director of pro bono at Clifford Chance. Before joining the firm in 2008, he worked as a legal aid solicitor for eight years in south London, acting for tenants in dispute with their landlords and undertaking public law challenges on behalf of homeless people with respect to the duties owed to them by local authorities. For three years he led a public legal education project on a housing estate in Brixton in London, where students devised and delivered workshops about the law for residents. He is a trustee of LawWorks and Why Me.
Adriana Edmeades works as a legal officer at Privacy International, developing litigation strategies for bringing to account companies that sell surveillance technologies to repressive states. Prior to joining Privacy International, Edmeades was a lawyer at Public Interest Lawyers (PIL), where she worked on a range of public law and human rights litigation, including a number of cases before the U.K. Supreme Court and the European Court of Human Rights. Edmeades is especially interested in the intersection of human rights and national security, having worked at PIL on a number of cases arising out of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Xavier Emmanuelli, an anesthesiologist, co-founded Medecins Sans Frontieres, which was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1999. After serving as Secretary of State for Emergency and Humanitarian Aid, Emmanuelli created Samusocial de Paris, and later Samusocial International, based on the concept of social emergency. Emmanuelli chairs the High Council for the Housing of Disadvantaged People. He also helps the endowment fund of the Paris Bar. He is the author of several books and is Commander of the National Order of the Legion of Honor and Grand Officer of the National Order of Merit.

Alison Ewart is DLA Piper’s U.K. pro bono manager and senior associate. Ewart works closely with leading charity clients and nonprofit organizations to scope and coordinate pro bono projects to address unmet legal need within the community. Ewart has wide experience in the areas of human rights law and anti-discrimination, in particular, children’s rights, asylum and business and human rights. In addition to advisory work, Ewart has been an advocate on numerous access to justice issues through submissions to government inquiries and through her contribution to a shadow NGO report on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Claire Fourel is pro bono manager at Ashurst LLP overseeing management of Ashurst’s pro bono program in Europe and the Middle East. Fourel is currently undertaking a MSc in development studies at the London School of Economics with a focus on institutions, the rule of law and post-conflict justice. She holds a master’s in European law from the University of Rennes I, an LL.B. in comparative English and French law from Exeter University, and an LPC from BPP Law School. Fourel has also worked as a lawyer for AgDevCo, a volunteer legal researcher at GrupoFaro, and a youth trustee for Self-Help Africa.

Jose Garcia-Anon is professor at the School of Law and researcher in the Human Rights Institute at the University of Valencia, Spain. He is the director of the international human rights clinic in the legal clinic for social justice at the University of Valencia. He is on the board of directors of the Global Alliance for Justice Education and of the steering committee in the European Network for Clinical Legal Education. Garcia-Anon has organized several conferences, notably GAJE’s 6th worldwide conference; the 9th International Journal of Legal Education Conference; and the 5th Spanish National Conference on Legal Education.

Sue Gardener is employed as a web developer by IBM United Kingdom, where she is the diversity leader for the transgender community. She is a public speaker and campaigner for the rights of transgender people. In 1985 she was sacked from her job in the British intelligence
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Lord (Peter) Goldsmith QC PC, is chair of European and Asian Litigation at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP. From 2001-2007, Lord Goldsmith served as the U.K.’s Attorney General, prior to which he was in private practice as one of the leading barristers in London. Lord Goldsmith founded the Bar Pro Bono Unit and the Attorney General’s Domestic and International Pro Bono Co-ordinating Committees. He is president of the Bar Pro Bono Unit, chairman of the Access to Justice Foundation, and patron of the National Pro Bono Centre. He maintains a pro bono practice at Debevoise, where he is currently lead advocate in cases before the Belize Supreme Court and African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights.

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Sylwia Gregorczyk-Abram is a qualified Polish advocate and a senior associate in the Clifford Chance Warsaw litigation and dispute resolution department. Gregorczyk-Abram is also a member of the Criminal European Bar Association. She specializes in legal proceedings, criminal law, civil law and medical law, and also coordinates the firm’s pro bono practice and advises
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**Jana Grieb** an attorney in the law firm of McDermott Will & Emery Rechtsanwälte Steuerberater LLP, based in its Munich office. Her practice is focused on healthcare and life sciences. Grieb is a member of the firm’s pro bono team. She has participated in numerous projects for NGOs such as Bet Tzedek, Sozialdienst katholischer Frauen and Transgender Europe. She earned an LL.M. at Nottingham Law School, U.K., and studied law at the universities of Gießen and Regensburg. Grieb is admitted to the German bar.

**Richard Grimes** qualified as a solicitor in 1977, working initially in a law center and later as a partner in a provincial law firm, handling a wide range of publicly funded cases. He has worked for several universities in the U.K. and has been a consultant on a variety of legal education projects, at home and further afield, including in Afghanistan, Georgia, Iran and Nigeria. He is currently director of clinical programs at the York Law School, University of York. He has published widely on clinical legal education and legal skills and is committed to improving access to justice.

**Gabrielle Guillemín** is senior legal officer at ARTICLE 19. She leads the organization’s work on internet policy issues. She has managed ARTICLE 19’s third-party interventions in a number of high-profile cases in the U.K. courts (Twitter joke trial case) and the European Court of Human Rights. She is a member of the U.K. Multistakeholder Advisory Group on Internet Governance and an independent expert attached to the Council of Europe Committee on Cross-Border Flow of Internet Traffic and Internet Freedoms. Prior to ARTICLE 19, Guillemín worked as a registry lawyer at the European Court of Human Rights.

**David Hawkins** is the project manager and solicitor at the PILS Project, based in Belfast. He obtained his LL.B. in law at Queen’s University Belfast. Qualifying as a solicitor, he specialized in criminal law. Hawkins worked with an NGO called Housing Rights Service, before joining the PILS Project in May 2012. The Project provides financial and legal support to public interest litigation; enhances communication and coordination between NGOs and lawyers on the use of public interest litigation; tackles barriers to taking on such challenges and promotes access to justice for those most in need.

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