Solicitors’ Benevolent Association

Care and support for our colleagues

Since its establishment in 1863, the Solicitors’ Benevolent Association has provided much needed support to members of the solicitors’ profession and their families during difficult times. Over the years the work of the Association has highlighted the fraternal nature of the solicitors’ profession and the commitment of its members to support colleagues.

Today the work and support offered by the Association is needed as much as ever with 80 solicitors and their families currently being supported. This is only possible through the continuing generosity and financial contributions of solicitors.

Who do we help and support?

The Solicitors’ Benevolent Association is there when the pressures of life become too much for our colleagues and their families.

Anyone can fall on hard times whether as a result of an illness or the death of a loved one or friend, a marriage or relationship break up, business or financial problems or an addiction to alcohol, gambling or drugs.

Whether it’s a solicitor or their family, everyone going through the most difficult of times will need the support and help of friends, family and colleagues.

The Solicitors’ Benevolent Association provides that help and support through the contributions which you and your solicitor firm make which help transform the lives of our colleagues.

Your donations and financial support are therefore important for the future of the solicitor profession which has always been underpinned by a sense of collegiality.

A simple donation can make such a difference in the support of colleagues and their families.

If you are aware of a colleague who requires assistance or support please contact any of our Directors or download our application form from www.solicitorsbenevolentassociation.com
Help make a difference by:

1. **MAKING A DONATION**
   
   If you can afford to make a donation to the fund then please send a cheque made payable to the Solicitors’ Benevolent Association c/o John G Gordon, Napier & Sons, 1/9 Castle Arcade, Belfast BT1 5DF.

2. **ORGANISING A FUNCTION OR FUNDRAISER**

   Perhaps one of the simplest and most enjoyable ways to make a difference is to organise a social evening or fund raiser from which a donation can be made to the Benevolent Fund. You may wish to contact your local Bar Association to discuss this option further.

3. **MAKING A BEQUEST IN YOUR WILL TO THE SOLICITORS’ BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION**

   The following is a suitable form of bequest:
   
   I give and bequeath the sum of £/€_ to the Trustees for the time being of the Solicitors’ Benevolent Association, c/o The Law Society of Northern Ireland, Law Society House, 96 Victoria Street, Belfast, BT1 3GN, for the charitable purposes of that Association in Ireland, and I direct that the receipt of the Secretary for the time being of the Association will be sufficient discharge for my Executors.

4. **DONATING YOUR FEE**

   If you undertake lecture work or are doing a presentation you may wish to consider donating your fee to the fund.

5. **MAKING A DONATION WHEN YOU RENEW YOUR PRACTISING CERTIFICATE**

   If you are renewing your Practising Certificate simply tick the box to indicate that you wish to make a contribution to the Benevolent Fund.

For further information on the Solicitors’ Benevolent Association, please see www.solicitorsbenevolentassociation.com or contact any of the northern Directors.
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