Brieflink

Counsel wanted.
Yesterday, ideally.



The hearing is tomorrow. The papers are ready. The one thing missing is someone to stand up and say, "I appear for…"

A simpler way to find and book counsel

Set the request
Practice area, hearing details, court, date and funding.

Review responses
See available counsel and the practical details up front.

Confirm the booking
Instruct the counsel best suited to the case.

So begins a familiar round of calls and emails. One barrister is in trial, another is already travelling to court, and a third might be free – if their morning hearing finishes on time. Meanwhile, the solicitor still has a client to update and a case to prepare.

Brieflink gives solicitors a simpler way to find book barristers for hearings, whether arranging cover at short notice or planning several weeks ahead. A request sets out the practice area, hearing type, court, date, expected duration, and whether attendance is in person or remote. It can also specify the experience needed, whether the work is legally aided, and when responses are due. Barristers can see what the hearing involves before deciding whether to respond.

Supporting busy legal teams

For local authority legal teams, the challenge is often several hearings landing on the same day. An in-house advocate may already be committed to a final hearing when another matter is brought forward. The team then needs someone with the right experience and enough time to read in.

Brieflink gives the solicitor arranging cover one place to review responses and see whether a booking has been offered or confirmed – alongside existing arrangements for instructing external counsel, including any panel or procurement requirements.

Making legal aid work in practice

For legal aid practitioners, funding is part of the conversation from the first call. A barrister may have the right experience and a gap in the diary, but both sides still need to know whether the work can be taken on under the applicable funding arrangements.

Flagging legal aid when the request is published brings that question forward. In a family matter listed at short notice, an early answer can make a real difference to how much time the solicitor has to brief counsel and explain to the client what will happen at court.

The right information, up front

Barristers benefit from having the practical details up front, too. A thirty-minute hearing can mean a morning away from chambers, a substantial read, and a difficult journey between courts.

Knowing the court, the likely duration, and the nature of the hearing helps counsel decide whether they can give the case the time it needs. And for solicitors looking beyond their usual contacts, responses can bring suitable counsel into consideration whom they might otherwise never have called.

Your decision, supported

The solicitor still decides whom to instruct. Existing relationships matter, especially where counsel already knows the case or the client. Brieflink supports the work around that decision – from setting out the request to reviewing responses, shortlisting, and offering the booking. When a listing moves or diaries collide, there is a clear place to start.

There will always be hearings that land at the least convenient moment. If tomorrow's hearing has just appeared in the diary, the sooner you know who can take it, the sooner you can get back to preparing for it.

Why use Brieflink?

Move quickly

Find and book counsel at short notice or further ahead.

The right fit

Share the full hearing details, including experience and legal aid.

Clear and organised

Review responses, track bookings and keep everything in one place.

Works with your existing relationships

You decide whom to instruct.

Six months of complimentary access.

No payment details required at sign-up.

One platform. Better connections.

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