



iProbono at 10

**A decade of
enabling
justice in India**

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2012



iProbono on behalf of its first major non-profit client, the [International Justice Mission](#), engages its community of advocates to [provide legal counsel to child survivors of trafficking](#). We also advise lawyers, judges, and prosecutors on best practices in handling anti-trafficking cases in court.

2013



Co-founders Shireen Irani and Swathi Sukumar [register iProbono as a Section 8 not for profit company in India](#).

2014



- iProbono [engages in-house corporate lawyers](#) to provide bespoke pro bono legal counsel to Indian civil society organisations (CSOs). In Delhi, we organise a convening to connect lawyers to CSOs with legal needs: [the first of its kind in India](#).



- iProbono [secures justice for a two-and-a-half year old survivor](#) of a horrific sexual assault. After a Delhi Trial Court acquits the accused, we appeal the decision at the Delhi High Court and [secure a conviction](#). Crucially, the high court judgment reiterates guidelines to assess the competence of a child to testify in court - to the wider benefit of all future child survivors seeking justice.

2015



- iProbono [launches its pioneering "Panel of Advocates" model](#). In collaboration with Counsel to Secure Justice, we establish a [Criminal Appellate Panel of Advocates](#) to provide pro bono legal representation to survivors of child sexual abuse in the Supreme Court and Delhi High Court, sparking a [wider movement to institutionalise pro bono culture](#) in legal practice in India.



- iProbono ensures that a [child survivor of incest remains under the care of a shelter home](#) while the accused family member awaits trial. By representing the shelter home as the child's rightful guardian, we challenge established [notions of what constitutes legal guardianship in India](#).

2016



- iProbono begins to [support pioneering social entrepreneurs across India to help them achieve impact, scale, and sustainability](#) through expert advice on a range of legal matters. Clients include STIR Education, Ekgaon, and B2R Business to Rural.



- iProbono launches its [first ever community outreach intervention](#) to spread awareness about the benefits of birth registration among the residents of Delhi's Nizamuddin West Basti and Khusro Park. [300 children secure birth registration certificates.](#)

2017



- We expand the remit of our child protection work to [secure the future of disabled children](#). In partnership with [Khaitan & Co](#), [Luthra & Luthra Law Offices](#), [Action for Autism](#) and [Forum for Autism](#), we provide parents of disabled children with legal advice on estate planning.
- [iProbono's partnership with Housing and Land Rights Network begins](#) with a case in which [approximately 350 residents](#) of Arjun Das Camp and Bengali Camp in East Kidwai Nagar (Delhi) are [protected from homelessness as a result of our legal intervention](#). It also marks the inception of [iProbono's Civil Panel of Advocates](#) to handle cases of a civil or public nature.

2018

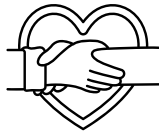


- iProbono launches its [Trial Court Panel of Advocates](#), [providing immediate legal representation to 26 children](#) whose cases are pending before Sessions Courts and the Juvenile Justice Board in Delhi.
- In partnership with the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, [iProbono produces a legal toolkit to prevent cybercrime against children](#). It is recognised by the Government of India.
- [After a court battle of almost two years](#), iProbono helps five pregnant and lactating women [secure government health entitlements previously denied to them](#).

2019



- Our programme to strengthen access to justice for children in India [is profiled at the World Justice Forum at the Hague, Netherlands](#).
- iProbono [begins its legal education program](#) in India with the inauguration of the Justice J.S. Verma Human Rights Advocacy Programme.



2020



- Responding to our grassroots partners' need for humanitarian assistance following the pandemic's second deadly wave, iProbono launches its first ever emergency relief programme. We mobilise resources to support the distribution of 11.4 million meals, 1,000 health kits, 1,000 mosquito nets, and 400 supplementary nutrition kits to over 2.35 lakh people in 93 districts across 16 states.
- In a landmark case, Reena Jha v. Union of India, the Delhi High Court issues guidelines making it mandatory for child survivors, or their representatives, to be present when bail applications are heard in POCSO trials. This is the direct outcome of a Public Interest Litigation filed by HAQ Centre for Child Rights and iProbono on behalf of aggrieved mothers of child survivors of sexual abuse.



2021



- To empower a new generation of lawyers committed to social justice, iProbono launches the Justice Leila Seth Fellowship. Co-chaired by her children – Vikram, Shantum and Aradhana Seth – and stewarded by Maja Daruwala, Amartya Sen, and Gita Mittal, the Fellowship promotes legal education reflecting the values of Justice Seth.
- iProbono expands the scope of its child protection work by providing direct psychosocial support to child survivors via our newly appointed in-house social workers.
- iProbono extends its Panel of Advocates model to Bengaluru, Mumbai, Kolkata, Jaipur and Jodhpur and takes on child protection case work in these jurisdictions.



2022



- In a strategic litigation titled Bibi Ayesha Khanum v. Union of India and Ors., iProbono and Enfold Proactive Health Trust ensure that child survivors in Karnataka have the right to be heard and represented at all bail hearings of the accused in POCSO trials. The judgment invokes guidelines cited in the Delhi High Court judgment on Reena Jha v. Union of India.
- iProbono provides psychosocial support to over 100 child survivors of abuse.

iProbono's Theory of Change

Vulnerable individuals can access justice as a result of quality pro bono legal representation in court, comprehensive care during the judicial process, and legal awareness of their rights and entitlements under law.

This is enabled by a culture of social impact lawyering, a thriving civil society, and a rights-based law and policy environment.