

# In Kind

## Sparke Helmore's social sustainability report FY2024/2025

### Our impact

Our pro bono offering and our community partnerships continue to grow, reflecting our ongoing commitment to making access to justice a reality. Over the past year, our firm provided 20,468 hours of pro bono legal assistance, averaging 42.4 hours per full-time equivalent lawyer—our largest result to date.

We have continued to strengthen our local partnerships, including with Goldfields Legal Community Centre in WA, where more than 25 of our people now volunteer on a regular basis for the fortnightly evening virtual advice clinics. We also focused on delivering a deeper impact across our regional communities by conducting Wills Workshops across Australia, assisting 64 clients, and drafting 127 estate documents.

Looking ahead, we aim to provide more pro bono secondments and Wills Workshops, creating more opportunities for our people to contribute their skills where they are needed most.

### Our pro bono work

An overview of our achievements.

20,468

pro bono  
hours  
completed

42.4

average pro bono  
hours per full-time  
equivalent lawyer

3,989

hours in and for  
community legal  
centres and pro bono  
clearing houses

1,488

hours spent by lawyers  
volunteering at  
community advice  
clinics and self-  
representation services

71%

hours worked  
for individuals  
experiencing  
disadvantage  
or whose matter  
raised an issue  
of public interest

29%

hours worked for  
eligible charities  
and not-for-profit  
organisations

51%

of our lawyers  
participated in  
pro bono legal  
work

### Hear from our clients

'I hope Sparke Helmore continue to follow our journey with Boots to Scrubs and should be proud of the contribution that has already and will be made to supporting rural women to become doctors. Their stories and the future they will create for their future communities inspire us every day and hopefully this program will be a long-lasting legacy in medicine.'

- Founder and Chair of Boots to Scrubs

### In the community

A snapshot of our community activities.



\$10,000

given to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation for the firm's Christmas donation.

Our people embraced the Christmas spirit of giving, supporting a number of community organisations through donations, gifts and hampers. These organisations included Catherine House in Adelaide, Love from Penny & Lyla in Canberra, Foodbank NT in Darwin, Father Bob's Foundation in Melbourne, Soul Hub, Allambi Care and the Matthew Talbot Homelessness Appeal in Newcastle, Variety WA's Toy Drive in Perth and the Benevolent Society's Christmas appeal in Sydney.



We cooked and shared 'Meals from the Heart' with families & staff at our local Ronald McDonald House chapters.

Our people stepped out in support of legal walks for justice across the country, raising funds for JusticeNet, LawRight and Law Access WA.



159 team members took part in the four-week challenge—STEPtember—together taking nearly 40 million steps and raising \$13,397 for the Cerebral Palsy Alliance.

A further  
\$14,765  
given to local  
charities through our  
Community Program



Plus our other  
various local  
office fundraising  
events—that's  
over



\$38,100  
in donations!