

Support Through Court - Chair

Support Through Court is a leading social justice charity, providing much needed practical and emotional support to those facing the civil and family courts without the help of a lawyer. The need for our services has never been greater or more important.

As our current Chair of the Trustee Board reaches the end of their second term, we are looking for an exceptional individual to lead Support Through Court as we embark on an ambitious five-year strategy to further develop the charity and the services we provide to those in need.

With a team of several hundred trained and experienced volunteers and almost 50 staff based across England and Wales, Support Through Court typically helps around 75,000 people every year to gain better access to justice in person, through a growing national helpline and on-online services which have been developed further during the pandemic. The support we provide is free, confidential, impartial, and open to everyone who needs assistance navigating what can often be a distressing experience and difficult time for the individuals and families involved.

The Chair is expected to provide clear leadership to the Board, setting the strategic agenda, leading the Trustee Board to support and hold the executive to account for service delivery, operations, management, and governance of the charity.

Potential candidates must be committed to our cause and an advocate for equality, justice, and inclusion and will ideally have Chair or Board experience leading organisations through significant change, with a track record of innovative strategic thinking and strong financial acumen.

The Chair plays a key role in ensuring that the voices of our clients and volunteers are heard within the organisation and will be a collaborative leader who builds authentic and high trust relationships and can inspire our volunteers, team, and supporters.

The Chair must also have the gravitas and influencing skills to engage with senior stakeholders; consult with government and affect change within the court systems and the legal sector. An ambassador, you will be expected to support fundraising goals and represent the charity with our stakeholders.

We value and promote diversity and are committed to equality of opportunity for all. The best boards are those that reflect the communities we serve and therefore applications from all backgrounds are welcomed.

For more information or a confidential discussion, please contact our executive search partners, The Good Board: **Shivani Patel** on shivani@thegoodboard.com .