

Charities & Philanthropy

Our expert team advises a broad range of charities on all the legal and commercial issues that can arise during their lifetime. These include the process of creating and registering a charity; fundraising, tax and commercial questions, intellectual property issues and helping to resolve disputes.

We are also regularly asked to advise individual donors and families on their personal philanthropic projects. We will guide you as to the best, most tax efficient ways to structure your giving and achieve your philanthropic goals.

Our services

- Creation and registration of new charities
- Constitutional and governance advice
- Charitable trading and trading subsidiaries
- Charity conveyancing and property transactions
- Fundraising
- Safeguarding
- Family grant-making trusts
- Philanthropic life-time giving:
- Charitable will trusts

Key information about us:

- Established in 1767
- Office in the City of London
- International networks
- Partner-led services
- Leading private wealth team
- Corporate & Commercial specialists
- Heavyweight property team
- Experienced commercial litigators

Types of clients

- Charity Trustees
- Directors of charitable companies
- Animal charities
- Religious bodies
- Medical charities
- Grant-making charities
- Cross-border charities
- High-net-worth individuals
- Philanthropic families

Our Charities & Philanthropy Team



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Our experience

New Charities

- Advising on the best structure for a new charity. Creating a robust and flexible constitution.
- Preparing application to Charity Commission and guiding trustees before, during and after registration.

Established Charities

- Constitutional and governance advice to long-established charities.
- Modernisation of constitutions of historic bodies

Charitable Trading

- Advising on the rules which govern trading activities by charities
- Creation of subsidiary trading companies

Land and Buildings

- Guiding trustees on the law that governs charity land transactions
- Construction and planning law advice

Disputes

- Dispute resolution advice when charities become involved with litigation or other disputes
- Advice on mediation and other alternative dispute resolution, as well as litigation before the court

Philanthropy

- Advising families and individuals on achieving their philanthropic objectives
- Life-time giving and inheritance planning involving philanthropic projects
- Creating grant-making trusts

Tax

- Advice on the tax code as it applies to charities, including VAT
- Guiding philanthropic individuals on achieving tax-efficiency for their charitable giving

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