



Charity legal services

We're proud to support a diverse range of charities, from local to national organisations, with a comprehensive package of legal services.

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At Wilkin Chapman Rollits, our dedicated charities team provides an accessible and expert service with a joined-up approach that's tailored to your needs. We are recognised for the breadth and depth of our sector expertise, and we are members of The Charity Law Association.

What do we offer?

Our charity sector team includes specialists in corporate & commercial, employment, real estate, disputes, wills, estates and tax planning and recoveries. We specialise in advising on charity law compliance, as well as dispute resolution, trusts and social housing.

How do we help?

We support charities with a range of services, including:

- Charity formation, mergers, de-mergers and dissolution
- Charity and not-for-profit legal structures
- Charity incorporation - becoming a charitable company or Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
- Charities Act compliance
- Regulatory issues (including data protection)
- Contractual issues
- Trustees' legal duties and responsibilities
- Monitoring and advising on new legislation
- Trust law
- Governance reviews
- Constitutional issues
- Amending charities' governing documents
- Dealing with charity land
- Liaising with The Charity Commission
- Permanent endowment
- Creation of new charities and not-for-profit organisations
- Charity registration
- Trading, fundraising and taxation issues
- Charity dispute resolution
- Responding to Charity Commission enquiries
- Serious incident reporting

Who can we help?

We have a great connection with local and national charities and recognise the important work that goes into them. Our charity clients include large service-providing operations, such as care homes, almshouses, academy trusts, registered providers of social housing and university student unions.

We also support smaller organisations such as village halls, grassroots organisations and grant-making organisations. In addition, we regularly advise schools and colleges, churches, member organisations and social enterprises.

We can also advise on all matters relating to Community Interest Companies (CICs). Often set up as trading subsidiaries by charities, CICs come with their own specific legal requirements and challenges, and we can help you to overcome these by offering comprehensive guidance.

Trustee training sessions

Our charity lawyers advise charity leaders and their trustees on their duties and provide trustee training sessions that are tailored to the context of the charity.

Why choose us?

When instructing our lawyers for charity advice, you will receive a friendly and approachable service from solicitors who take the time to clearly understand your aims and outcomes.

We have significant experience of working on a wide range of projects for charities delivering public services, and also advise charities on governance and structural issues, contractual, regulatory and employment issues.

We also remain at the forefront of developments in a fast-moving and competitive field, regularly contributing to leading charity law journals, running free charities legal seminars and offering bespoke in-house training.

Working with us guarantees a personalised and transparent service throughout your legal matter so you can be confident in receiving a bespoke service from solicitors who understand the charity sector inside out.

Training can be delivered to trustees who are new to their role, or to experienced trustees who would like to refresh their understanding of their duties.

Our charity legal service fees

Our team believes in offering competitive legal rates to reflect the quality of the service we provide and we understand the need for clear pricing from the outset, so you can budget accordingly and decide whether our team is the right fit for your charity.

We base our legal service fees on the circumstances of the matter we are providing assistance with, in addition to the level of expertise and legal support required.

For straightforward matters, our team may be able to offer services on a fixed fee basis. For more complicated charity legal services, we will provide a full scope of work and breakdown of costs prior to being instructed.

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