

Specialist legal package for Charities in East Anglia



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Specialist Legal Package for Charities

Running a charity in an ever-changing regulatory environment constantly raises time-consuming queries and challenges.

That is why we have introduced a new **Charities Law Service** which allows Trustees and Managers more time to concentrate on achieving your Charity's purpose. Let our experienced team advise you on how best to meet those worrying legal and employment challenges, so that you can focus your energy on effective delivery.

Accessibility

The **Charities Law Service** provides fast and efficient access to an expert to deal with issues faced by the Trustees and Managers – so you are freed up to focus on ensuring your Charity runs smoothly.

A **fully qualified legal expert** is to hand to deal quickly and effectively in a range of key business areas including:

- regulatory compliance
- employment issues
- property needs and social housing
- contracts / fundraising
- potential disputes or litigation
- formation / conversion / restructuring
- trading companies
- acquisitions / mergers
- and more.

Certainty

In an ever-changing landscape, charity administrators and trustees cannot always deal safely with the personnel, management and employment issues that arise. Expert back-up is invaluable.

We provide a **single** initial point of contact with an **experienced** Barr Ellison partner.

We are an established **local** Cambridgeshire firm - on hand to provide face-to-face advice wherever necessary.

An **annual fee** for the general retainer is **agreed** up front.

More detailed work and major transactions are done on an individual basis at highly competitive rates in accordance with the needs of the Charity.

In brief, our Charities Law Service provides a **personal and high quality service** tailored to the individual needs of your Charity.

How it works

- The Charity's administrators and trustees have ongoing access to a legal expert who will deal with the initial query quickly and efficiently and advise on the available options.
- No delay, no fuss and a single initial point of contact with a partner at Barr Ellison Solicitors to ensure you receive an efficient, personal and high quality service.
- Our Charities Law Service has the benefit of providing an agreed amount of legal work fixed by an annual fee (priced according to your needs). If more detailed work is required you will benefit from further competitive rates.

Barr Ellison - serving clients in Cambridgeshire for over 150 years



Law matters. Trust the experts.

Acquisitions & Mergers

Our team is experienced in advising charities when they are acquiring or merging with another charity. The whole process can be involved and project management skills will help ensure that it all goes smoothly.

Employment

Contracts of employment, health and safety, employment tribunals, redundancies, sex and race discrimination - employment law can be a complex business, but our specialist advice will help you avoid potential problems.

Setting up / Converting / Restructuring

We will advise on the appropriate structure for your charity whether incorporating or restructuring or setting up new trading companies, clearly identifying the risks and governance issues.

Contesting Wills & Probate Claims

Our Probate team has extensive experience in dealing with contested Wills and Probate claims with an in depth knowledge of Trust matters.

Property / Assets

Acquiring or disposing of property involves special procedures for charities and we are there to guide you through these.

A personal, high quality service tailored to Charities

Social Housing / Community Interest Companies

Housing Associations and Community Interest Companies face many of the same challenges as charities and we at Barr Ellison will provide the necessary advice to meet such challenges.

Charitable Incorporated Organisations

This new form of company specifically designed for charities will have advantages for many charities and will need to be strongly considered as an option.

Regulatory Compliance

Sometimes issues need careful management to ensure regulatory compliance. We advise upon and manage any necessary dealings with the Charity Commission.

Contracts / Fundraising

We will advise on all forms of contract and fundraising arrangements, protecting the charity's position.

Dispute Resolution

No-one wants a situation to go wrong, but when it does a formidable solicitor can be the most effective tool to ensure that the matter is settled expediently.

Virtual Deeds Strongroom

Easy access to all of your organisation's legal documents as and when you need them.



Other Specialist Practice Areas

Barr Ellison is a Cambridge-based law firm offering professional legal services to private and commercial clients. When it comes to legal advice or support, we know exactly what our clients are looking for. Whether the issue is personal or business-related, you need someone who understands your situation, is responsive to your needs and has the experience to get the job done. Someone you can trust.

Services for the Elderly

Barr Ellison's expert practitioners don't just administer estates. We work with our valued clients throughout their lifetime to ensure that all issues such as inheritance tax, succession planning and trusts to care for your loved ones are implemented sensitively and wisely in accordance with your wishes and your family's needs.

Contact Judith Greensitt on 01223 417243

Head Injuries

Sarah Hefferon is amongst the region's foremost lawyers with her specialist knowledge of head injuries. When the worst happens, you need someone with a successful track record in achieving good financial compensation. Sarah and the Barr Ellison team will support you in obtaining the practical means for you to rebuild your life.

Contact Sarah Hefferon on 01223 411315

Family & Matrimonial

Divorce and separation is a stressful and upsetting process, even under the most amicable conditions. This is when the sensitive, practical support we offer our clients matters the most - whether you opt for a mediated settlement or the court process.

Contact Helen Saggors on 01223 417244

Financial Services

Our independent financial advisor, 35 Finance, provides financial planning, investment portfolio management, pensions advice and a Trust Review service to our clients. We also offer cross-border services to expatriates living in Spain.

Contact Jeremy Davis on 01223 351856

Employment

Whether you are an employer or employee, we can help with any employment law issue. Because we act for employers and employees, we have a good insight into the needs and issues affecting you or your business.

Contact Caroline Banwell on 01223 417287

Farming & Agriculture

Farming has always been tough, but with EU regulations, environmental laws and the need to diversify it's tougher than ever. To prosper takes innovative thinking, business acumen and a sound grasp of the law – and this is where our experience counts.

Contact Michael Blakey on 01223 417250

Public Authorities

Barr Ellison has over 30 years' experience successfully advising the public sector, and in that time has established a reputation for working in close partnership with clients whilst remaining mindful of public perception. Our approach is to treat each client as an individual, tailoring our service to your needs.

Contact Sarah Payne on 01223 417225

Property Developers

Barr Ellison has a solid base of local developer clients. We advise on all contentious and non-contentious aspects of property development - from initial purchase of the land through to onward plot sales.

Contact Michael Denmead on 01223 417261

Restaurants, Pubs & Hotels

The hospitality and leisure sector has seen a radical overhaul in recent years. Licensing changes and franchising arrangements are just some of the areas that we have helped our clients master to ensure they stay competitive.

Contact Alison Barr on 01223 417251

Landlords

Dealing with tenants can be frustrating and costly, but Barr Ellison's experience means that we will have helped others through situations similar to the ones you face.

Contact Michael Denmead or Charlotte Mallett on 01223 417261

Retail

Over the years we have guided many retail businesses through their different stages of development - from start-up through to expansion into new premises and trading activities.

Contact Charlotte Mallett on 01223 417267

Medical, Dental & Veterinary

Barr Ellison has become the preferred choice for many Medical, Dental and Veterinary practices – not just because of the quality of our legal service, but also because we are a valued source of business expertise.

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