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Philip is a partner in the charities and philanthropy team.

Philip advises charities, not-for-profits and philanthropists on a wide range of charity law and related issues. This includes governance and strategic matters, mergers and restructuring, establishment and registration, trading and their relationship with non-charitable subsidiaries, tax, fundraising and regulatory issues.

He has a broad practice, but with a particular specialism in advising organisations in the education and arts sectors. These include schools, colleges, universities, arts bodies, artists and related entities.

Through the Charity Law Association, Philip is a critical friend to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

Track record

Arts charities

Supporting arts charities through legal and practical difficulties faced during the pandemic.

Charitable foundation

Advising on the creation of a new charitable foundation for the estate of an internationally renowned artist.

Disability charity

Advising on a transformative £1bn donation to a leading disability charity.

University contracts

Advising a London university on its student recruitment contracts in China.

Disability charity

Acting as sole in-house counsel (on secondment) for a major international disability charity.

International charity

Advising an international charity founded by one of the world's leading authors on its global governance and UK commercial arrangements.

Fundraising campaign

Advising on a c.£100m national fundraising campaign in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

External publications

Contributing author to Charity Governance, Jordans 2014; Charity Law - Global Guide, Thomson Reuters 2016.

Admissions

England & Wales 2011

Education

University of Cambridge (Trinity Hall): BA(Hons) and MA Archaeology & Anthropology

University of Durham (Ustinov College): MA Archaeology

Oxford Brookes University: Graduate Diploma in Law

College of Law, Moorgate: Legal Practice Course

Languages

English

Memberships

Charity Law Association

Key dates

Year joined: 2021

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