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Chris leads the firm's Charities & Philanthropy team.

He is recognised as a leading expert on governance, projects, safeguarding and fundraising for charities and advises some of the country's largest and best known charities. This work includes advising on: international fundraising; grant-making and funding; board development; preparing policies & procedures; handling regulatory engagement; structuring collaborations between charities and their commercial partners; negotiating major gifts; mergers; group structures and trading subsidiaries; establishing new charities and delivering training programmes for charity staff and trustees.

Track record

Tate Gallery

Represented Tate Gallery on a ground-breaking collaboration and exhibition with Shanghai's Pudong Museum to help Tate negotiate with the state-owned Shanghai Lujiazui Group and advised on English and Chinese law contracts.

International fundraising advice

Advising Cancer Research UK on international fundraising matters.

Tate Galleries in London

Advising Tate Galleries in London on its Consultancy and Exhibition Agreements for the newly developed Museum of Art in Pudong, China.

NHS Charities Together

Advising NHS Charities Together on its collaboration with Marks & Spencer.

Major donations

Advising on major donations to art galleries and museums including: the Solomon R Guggenheim Museum in New York; the Tate, the Royal Society and the Royal Academy of Arts.

British Red Cross

Advising British Red Cross on its charity shop loyalty card scheme.

Arts Council

Advising the Arts Council in its participation in the UK Government's £1.57 Billion Culture Recovery Fund.

LUI Che Woo Prize for World Civilisation

Advising on the establishment of the international prize: the LUI Che Woo Prize for World Civilisation.

Regent's University

Advising on the acquisition of Regent's University in London.

Royal British Legion

Advising the Royal British Legion on the review and amendment of its Royal Charter

External publications

The ICSA Charity Trustees' Guide

Chapters in the ICSA Charities Handbook

The fundraising chapter of Tolley's Charities Manual

Admissions

England and Wales, 1996

Scotland, 1994

Education

University of Edinburgh, LL.B (Hons) Law

Languages

English

Memberships

Charity Law Association

Key dates

Year joined: 1996

Year became partner: 2003

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