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Hugo is a senior associate in the Charities and Philanthropy team.

He advises a wide range of charities, not-for-profits and individuals with philanthropic aims on charity law and commercial matters, including the establishment of organisations, governance, compliance and general operation.

Hugo regularly advises charities in relation to their governance frameworks, and in particular on adopting and refining schemes of delegation. He also advises charities in relation to regulatory interaction, including responding to queries from the Charity Commission or obtaining authority from the Commission to undertake necessary actions.

Hugo has assisted with the successful registration with the Charity Commission of multiple charities, including US/UK dual qualified charities. He has particular experience with supporting the establishment of charities working with or otherwise connected in some way to non-charities, as well as NHS charities.

Hugo has worked on a number of charity mergers and collaborations, as well as in supporting national charities operating with local partners/branches and establishing endowment funds. He is regularly involved in providing commercial advice, including in relation to complex contractual arrangements and the consequences of different structuring and funding arrangements from a tax perspective.

Hugo is an intermediate Arabic speaker, and has interest in the Middle East (he has studied in Jordan), particularly in relation to individuals and businesses based in this area who are considering charitable/philanthropic endeavours in the UK.

Hugo has spent fifteen months on part-time secondment in the legal team of one of the firm's clients, the Board of Trustees of the Tate Gallery.

Admissions

England and Wales, 2014

Education

Trinity College Dublin, BA (Hons) English Literature

Languages

English

Memberships

Charity Law Association

Key dates

Year joined: 2015

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