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Roger is a partner in the charities team.

He works with all types of charities, foundations and non-profits on charity law, governance, fundraising and regulatory matters.

He has advised a range of charities on their formation, restructurings, commercial and fundraising agreements, grant-making, international operations and regulatory engagement with the Charity Commission and HMRC.

Roger is listed as a Rising Star for Charities in the Legal 500 2024 and also listed in Chambers & Partners 2024.

He has particular expertise with charities who support the NHS having acted for NHS Charities Together for seven years as well as working for a large number of individual NHS charities.

Roger also has wide experience of philanthropy and has worked on the formation and operation of a number of significant grant-making charitable foundations and has provided advice to individual philanthropists on their work with charities and non-profits.

Roger can also provide advice on individual charitable giving, including advice on Gift Aid and other tax issues related to personal philanthropy.

He has also advised a range of commercial organisations on their charitable giving, philanthropy and their own charitable foundations.

Track record

NHS Charities Together

Advised NHS Charities Together for the past seven years on a range of legal matters relating to NHS Charities and their support for the NHS.

NHS Charities independence from Department of Health

Supported 10 NHS Charities through the process of restructuring to obtain independence from the Department of Health and setting up as new independent charities and provision of a wider range of governance, fundraising and technical advice to a number of NHS charities.

RSPCA

Provided extensive advice on governance, regulation and related matters to the RSPCA.

Charity Commission Statutory Inquiries

Advised a number of clients who were the subject of Charity Commission Statutory Inquiries, including an Interim Manager appointment, on their approach to the inquiries and related issues.

Royal British Legion

Helped lead the firm's work advising The Royal British Legion on its Branch Property Trust work.

British Red Cross Society

Worked on a range of charity and fundraising matters for the British Red Cross Society.

Strategic international advice

Provided strategic international advice to a number of multi-jurisdictional organisations including charities, private trusts, corporate trustees and non-profit organisations regarding their international operations and establishments.

Thalidomide Trust

Advised The Thalidomide Trust on charity law issues relating to its structure, governance and beneficiaries.

Formation and structuring of UK charities

Advised on the formation and structuring of a number of 'dual-qualified' US-UK charities both for public fundraising and private philanthropy.

Philanthropic charities

Established a range of philanthropic charities for various operational and grant-making purposes.

Talks

- Roger is a regular speaker at meetings of NHS Charities Together delivering legal updates and training on a range of NHS and charity issues.

External publications

'What financial and legal issues may arise when charities merge?' Lexis Nexus - January 2015

Admissions

England and Wales, 2013

Education

Lincoln College, Oxford, Modern History

Legal Practice Course, BPP London

Languages

English

Memberships

Charity Law Association

Key dates

Year joined: 2011

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