



Charities and Not-for-Profit

The Charities and Not-for-Profit Group advises all types of charitable groups and societies, from well-known national health and social organizations to smaller community-based organizations, and private family charities.

RELATED SERVICES

- Tax

We assist in the establishment of charitable organizations, work with them to obtain registered charitable status and advise on legal and tax issues. We provide advice on the establishment, implementation and continuing administration of planned-giving programs.

Since many of our employees serve as volunteers in the charitable sector, we have acquired many years of collective experience advising new and ongoing foundations, charities and not-for-profit organizations about:

- Formulating and revising mission statements
- Creating appropriate organizational structures (such as a society, corporation, trust or other legal entity)
- Obtaining registered charitable status
- Changing income tax provisions
- Corporate governance issues
- Involvement with public-private partnerships.
- Advising foundations, charities and gift planners about:
 - The establishment, implementation and administration of planned-giving programs
 - The tax implications of accepting different types of charitable gifts
- Tax-efficient gifting structures
- Accepting significant charitable gifts
- Separating fundraising and charitable activities into separate entities.
- Advising foundations, charities and not-for-profit organizations as beneficiaries or potential beneficiaries of trusts or estates and representing them in related litigation.
- Advising donors on appropriate planning for making significant charitable gifts to accomplish their philanthropic goals in a tax-effective manner.

Emerging Issues

- The decline in government funding of charities and not-for-profit societies has created the need for alternate fundraising methods and appropriate legal strategies.
- Increased government regulations and scrutiny of charities and not-for-profit organizations requires processes and systems for improved governance, regulatory compliance, and fulfillment of directors' duties and obligations.

- Frequent changes in taxation legislation require that charities and not-for-profit societies re-examine their procedures and materials.

Representative Clients

- Organizations for persons with disabilities or who are socially disadvantaged
- Health-related and family support organizations
- Professional, cultural, sports, educational and religious foundations and associations
- National charities.

Activities

We present seminars on many topics related to charities and not-for-profit organizations including vehicles for charitable giving, the administration of estates with charitable beneficiaries, and challenges to estate planning involving charitable giving.

We have authored precedents, papers, handbooks and other publications including Will Precedents: An Annotated Guide for the Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia (CLE).

INSIGHTS

Publications

Jurisdictional expansion of BC's Civil Resolution Tribunal to societies: A new avenue of dispute resolution

16 JUL 2019

Effective July 15, 2019, a variety of society disputes may be resolved by the B.C. Civil Resolution Tribunal instead of the B.C. Supreme Court. This new dispute resolution mechanism will have significant implications for those wishing to make a claim against a society or its directors, as well societies themselves. This information bulletin addresses the scope of the CRT's expanded jurisdiction over "society claims" and highlights the key takeaways for those who may be impacted by these amendments.

New guidance on CASL's charitable fundraising exception

6 JUN 2014

A look at issues surrounding the charitable fundraising exception under Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation.

Canada's anti-spam legislation: how will it affect registered charities, non-profits and co-ops?

17 MAR 2014

Canada's anti-spam legislation ("CASL") comes into force on July 1, 2014. CASL is far-reaching, applies broadly to commercial electronic messages and computer programs, has onerous restrictions, has significant penalties for non-compliance, and is not clearly written or easy to follow.

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Hahn Group on sale of Campus Center Lübeck

18 December 2019

DLA Piper has advised Hahn Group on the sale of Campus Center Lübeck to real estate investment manager Nuveen Real Estate, which acquired the property for its German core retail platform.

DLA Piper launches Global Digital Services VAT Guide

29 November 2019

DLA Piper has launched the fourth edition of its Global VAT Guide on Digital Services, covering cross-border supplies of digital content, intangible services and, more generally, the various forms of e-commerce.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP top fundraiser at the 12th Annual Pro Bono Going Public

16 OCT 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP once again placed amongst top fundraisers during the 12th Annual Pro Bono Going Public advice-a-thon held in Vancouver.

DLA Piper Canada inducted into HEROS Hall of Fame

24 SEP 2019

DLA Piper Canada had the privilege of being inducted into the Hockey Education Reaching Out Society (HEROS) Hall of Fame during the HEROS 20th anniversary fundraiser on Thursday, 19 September.

DLA Piper advises The Carlyle Group on its investment in HSO Group

6 September 2019

DLA Piper has advised The Carlyle Group on its investment in HSO Group. Equity for the investment is provided by Carlyle European Technology Partners III Fund (CETP), a EUR635 million fund that invests in technology-focused companies in Europe and the US.

DLA Piper adviseert The Carlyle Group bij investering in HSO Group

6 September 2019

DLA Piper heeft The Carlyle Group geadviseerd bij de investering in HSO Group. Het eigen vermogen voor de investering kwam van Carlyle European Technology Partners III Fund (CETP), een fonds van EUR635 miljoen dat investeert in technologiegerichte bedrijven in Europa en de VS.

DLA Piper Canada lawyers recognized in 2020 edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada*

21 AUG 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to see 70 of our lawyers across 34 practice areas recognized in the 2020 *Best Lawyers in Canada* guide.

DLA Piper announces launch of Artificial Intelligence practice

14 MAY 2019

DLA Piper announced today the launch of its Artificial Intelligence practice, which will focus on assisting companies as they navigate the legal landscape of emerging and disruptive technologies, while helping them understand the legal and compliance risks arising from the creation and deployment of AI systems.

DLA Piper advises BrewDog on acquisition of iconic Berlin brewery

6 MAY 2019

DLA Piper has advised BrewDog, a multinational craft brewery and pub chain based in Scotland, on the acquisition of World Bistro & Gardens in Berlin from Stone Brewing, one of the largest craft breweries in the US.

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2019

1 APR 2019

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 77 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2019 in the United States and May 1, 2019 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 43 different offices throughout 20 countries.

Non-resident real estate investors bullish on Capital Gains Tax changes

19 MAR 2019

Non-resident real estate investors are holding their nerve on UK investment strategies despite impending capital gains tax (CGT) changes coming into force next month and uncertainty around Brexit. According to a DLA Piper report, more than half (58 percent) of those polled expect the new tax code will have no impact on their investment strategy.

DLA Piper announces launch of Blockchain and Digital Assets practice

26 FEB 2019

DLA Piper announced today the launch of its Blockchain and Digital Assets practice, which will offer strategic advice on a global basis to address the needs of companies implementing blockchain technology solutions and creating and deploying digital assets.

DLA Piper enhances cross-border tax capability with new partner hire in Dublin

26 FEB 2019

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of Maura Dineen as a Tax partner in the firm's newly opened Dublin office. This is the fifth partner hire for DLA Piper in Dublin in a month, following the announcements in January of Conor Houlihan (Finance & Projects), Éanna Mellett (Corporate), Mark Rasdale (Intellectual Property & Technology) and Ciara McLoughlin (Employment).

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP recognized in 2019 *Legal 500 Canada* guide

7 DEC 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that 42 firm lawyers across 17 practice areas have been recommended in the latest edition of the *Legal 500 Canada*.

Best Lawyers in Canada 2019 recognizes 72 DLA Piper (Canada) LLP Lawyers

22 AUG 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to have once more increased its rankings in the 2019 edition of *Best Lawyers*, with close to one-third of the firm's lawyers recommended as leading practitioners in Canada across key practice areas.

DLA Piper Africa welcomes Zimbabwe member firm

19 JUN 2018

DLA Piper Africa has announced that leading Zimbabwean law firm, Manokore Attorneys, is joining as the member firm in Zimbabwe.

DLA Piper takes home eight awards at 2018 International Tax Review European Tax Awards

18 MAY 2018

DLA Piper has won eight awards at the International Tax Review European Tax Awards 2018, in a ceremony that took place on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at the Savoy Hotel in London.

The firm has been named UK Transfer Pricing Firm of the Year, Spain Tax Firm of the Year and Gulf Cooperation Council Tax Firm of the Year.

DLA Piper Canada welcomes Jessica Sullivan

9 APR 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to welcome Jessica Sullivan to the firm's Vancouver office as an associate in the Wills, Estates and Trusts group.

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2018

3 APR 2018

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 62 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of 1 April 2018 in the United States and 1 May 2018 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 42 different offices throughout 20 countries.
