

Gowling WLG (UK) LLP
Pro Bono Policy

Overview

The purpose of this policy is to outline Gowling WLG's commitment to pro bono, as part of the firm's wider commitment to its corporate responsibility agenda.

Pro Bono

The provision of free legal advice plays to our core strengths, and Gowling WLG advises a wide-range of charities and community groups, ranging from small local causes in Birmingham and London like SIFA Fireside, Roshni, and Spitalfields Crypt Trust, to national charities like The Big Issue Foundation and the NSPCC, and international humanitarian organisations such as Oxfam and The British Red Cross Society.

Requests for pro bono assistance can come in directly from charities and community groups, or through referrals from other law firms or organisations such as LawWorks and TrustLaw.

Placing pro bono work

The Corporate Responsibility team is responsible for co-ordinating pro bono work at Gowling WLG, and all requests for pro bono assistance should be made through the CR Team. They will then get in touch with the relevant team's Practice Leader to see if there is capacity to help within their group.

Time recording

The first 50 hours of pro bono work done by lawyers will count towards their chargeable hours' target in each year.

Pro bono clients are treated just like any other fee-paying client. This means that all professional conduct obligations will be completed: conflict searches, client identification, file opening procedures and appropriate supervision for the ongoing pro bono work. All fee-earners' time should be recorded in the normal way.

If you would like to find out more about Gowling WLG's pro bono practice, or you are from an organisation looking for some pro bono assistance, please contact [Katie Rothwell](#) or [Amy Tabari](#).

Scope

This policy applies to all UK operations of Gowling WLG (UK) LLP.