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The charity sector in Northern Ireland faces considerable challenges as it deals with the consequences of the Covid-19 Pandemic. Northern Ireland has a large and vibrant charity sector ranging from small groups meeting local needs with few resources to charities who are household names, operating with budgets of millions. There are many legal and governance issues which are fundamental to the effective operation and success of a charity. The regulatory landscape for charities is quickly changing in this jurisdiction. This course will consider many of these regulatory and operational matters.

## WE WILL COVER THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- Establishing a charity: legal structures & registration requirements;
- Governance codes & regulatory requirements;
- Board responsibilities and managing risk;
- Fundraising codes & best practice
- People Management, Human Resources, Volunteering and Mental Health – issues and solutions.
- Data protection issues – the common-law versus the common misconception.
- Procurement and tendering. Public/private tendering - pre and post Brexit – and TUPE issues – what to watch out for.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The course will appeal to solicitors and barristers in practice who advise charitable organisations. It will also appeal to those working in the charity sector or those who hold positions on boards of organisations or in a management capacity. We invite legal professionals and individuals involved with the charity sector to apply.

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## Course Details

### VENUE

Institute of Professional Legal Studies Queen's University Belfast, 10 Lennoxvale, Belfast, BT9 5BY

### DATES

Thursday 23rd September 2021  
Thursday 30th September 2021  
Thursday 7th October 2021  
Thursday 14th October 2021

Each night the sessions will be from 6pm-8.00pm with refreshments available from 5.30pm.

### CPD

Time spent by solicitors and barristers attending lectures and workshops in person or completing these via e-learning as part of this course can be claimed towards your annual CPD requirement. Attendance at this course will cover 8 hours of group study CPD.

### TIMETABLE

A full timetable for the course which will include more details of the topics covered and the speakers who will be presenting is available on the CPD section of our website at <https://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/InstituteofProfessionalLegalStudies/CPDCourses/>

### FEES and REGISTRATION

£600

Applicants will be considered on a first-come first-served basis. Spaces are limited on the course and therefore you should register and pay as soon as possible by visiting our website at <https://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/InstituteofProfessionalLegalStudies/CPDCourses/>

## SPEAKERS

### Nicole Lappin, Chief Charity Commissioner



Nicole Lappin was appointed Chief Commissioner of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland in August 2019. She is a qualified barrister and has taught a variety of courses at IPLS for over ten years. Chair of the NI Ambulance Service, Nicole has a portfolio of governance positions which enables her to share best practice governance across a number of sectors. A previous Non-executive Director with the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority in Dublin means that she has developed an insight into regulatory issues in a number of different sectors which is further enhanced through her role as Chair of a Fitness to Practise Committee for the Pharmaceutical Society for NI.

### Ruth Mc Murray, Legal Adviser - Charity Commission for Northern Ireland



Ruth is a Legal Adviser in the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. She studied Law and Politics at Ulster University, Derry, graduating in 2005, before undertaking postgraduate study at the Institute of Professional Legal Studies at Queens University, Belfast in 2008. She trained as a solicitor in a prominent defence litigation firm in Belfast qualifying in 2010, where she practised as a defence litigation solicitor until 2017, before joining the Commission. Her current role as Legal Adviser is to provide legal advice to and on behalf of the Commission on all legal matters, particularly in relation to the Charities Act (NI) 2008.

### Sarah Sellars, Solicitor



Sarah is a qualified solicitor. She has a background in professional fundraising and continues to volunteer in the third sector where and when she can. She is presently a member of the Board of CCEA; a trustee of Parenting NI, and of an Oxford-based housing trust; a helpline volunteer with the national patient safety charity Action Against Medical Accidents; and is involved in her local school PTA.

### Catherine Cooney, Solicitor



Catherine joined Worthingtons as a new Partner and Head of Charities three years ago. She has specialised in charity law for the last 8 years and stands out as an expert in this area of law.

Catherine has been ranked in Chambers UK legal directory as a charity law expert for the last five years with Worthingtons being ranked as one of the leading charity law firms in Northern Ireland. She is known for her pragmatic approach to matters and her detailed knowledge of the law and this sector.

### Gareth Walls - Solicitor



Gareth Walls is partner and head of the A&L Goodbody Employment and Incentives team in Northern Ireland. Gareth represents a number of local, national and international brands in business support, strategic workforce planning and high profile tribunal matters. He also has significant experience in corporate immigration, redundancy, re-structuring and TUPE issues. Gareth is an accomplished commercial litigator with particular emphasis on discrimination and injunctive relief in the Employment context, as well as being a sought after speaker on Employment issues in Northern Ireland. He is also a voluntary director and Board member of a number of local charities.

### Michaela Diver - Solicitor



Micaela Diver is a partner in A&L Goodbody's Litigation Department. Micaela specialises in Public & Regulatory law and is experienced in complex, high profile cases in the Northern Irish Commercial Court. She advises clients in both the public and private sector on contentious and non-contentious public procurement law matters, including large scale outsourcing and infrastructure projects. She also advises clients on competition law matters including compliance, merger control and private damages actions.

### Johnathan Hacking - Solicitor



Jonny Hacking is a Senior Associate in A&L Goodbody's commercial and technology team. Jonny has responsibility for advising clients on a wide variety of commercial agreements as well as complex intellectual property and data protection matters. Jonny also advises clients on the law relating to the sale of goods and services and compliance with general legislative requirements, in particular relevant consumer rights legislation and applicable EU treaties, directives and regulations. Jonny regularly advises clients on outsourced shared services and managed services arrangements and is an expert on data protection.





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