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# Charity law seminars - Winter 2017

## The chair and chief executive - the core of effective governance

Wednesday 18 January

This seminar is aimed at chairs and chief executives but would be useful for trustees and senior management teams too. James Sinclair Taylor will look at the key elements in developing effective governance at the top of an organisation, focusing on the roles of the chair and chief executive including:

- strategies for obtaining effective chairs
- core elements of the chair/chief executive relationship
- risk and crisis management by chairs and chief executives
- regulatory issues and concerns

### Is your governing document fit for purpose?

Wednesday 1 February

In this popular seminar Sukanya Ransford will explain the charitable company structure. This is essential for all charities thinking of incorporation and for trustees and those involved in the administration of a charitable company. The seminar will give you a core understanding of your governing document and explain the significance of key provisions including:

- the lead role played by your objects and powers
- the role of your members and their voting rights
- trustee payment provisions
- the life cycle of your board
- conflicts of interest and conflicts of duty

#### Leases and transfers from local authorities

Wednesday 15 March

Many charities deal with local authorities in property transactions. These can range from short to long term leases or transfers as part of an 'asset transfer'. The experience can be very different to negotiating with commercial organisations. Local authorities have restrictions on how they can deal with property; they have particular and variable internal procedures. They also have a culture and agenda that rests on a genuine desire to act in the best interests of those who live and work in their administrative area. This seminar covers:

- the legal constraints on local authority dealings with property
- areas of mutual interest between charities and local authorities and how this impacts property transactions
- the extent to which local authority leases should match service contract provisions both with the local authority and otherwise
- varying attitudes to 'asset transfer' negotiations
- bringing together the concerns of the charity and the local authority to close the deal

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7 Bedford Row Venue London WC1R 4BS Time 16:45 registration 17:00 seminar begins 18:00 networking **Booking** To book a place please email us: charityevents@russell-cooke.co.uk or call: +44 (0)20 8394 6368 Cost All seminars are free of charge.

Places are limited so book early to avoid



Seminars are designed to help trustees and senior management teams identify and address some of the legal issues and challenges

Meet our team who provide practical legal advice to hundreds of charities and other not-for-profit organisations which are varied in legal structure and area of operation

Hear from our specialist lawyers who are amongst the top ranked legal teams in the sector

**Network and share knowledge** with other charity sector professionals

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