

gunnercooke

We don't believe in law as usual

For us, law is inspiring



Charity, Social Enterprise and Not-for-Profit at gunnercooke

Organisations in the Third Sector and Civil Society face a multitude of challenges which can distract them from the good that they set out to do.

At gunnercooke, we stand alongside all forms of “for purpose” organisations to help you face the challenges and achieve your aims.

Our Legal 500 ranked lawyers and operating partners bring a wealth of legal, practical, commercial and strategic expertise to support you, whether you are a start-up or a household name. We understand the sector from the inside out, not just as professional advisers but as trustees, volunteers, board members, business mentors and fundraisers.

With so many disciplines to call upon, you can be confident that we can help your purpose succeed.

We can help you with your ambition to

- set up a new organisation or restructure an existing one
- change your governing document or update your governance
- improve your governance, policies and procedures
- increase financial resilience
- own or sell land and investments
- develop commercial relationships, partnerships and sponsors
- meet your reporting deadlines and set a business plan
- recruit, train and develop trustees, staff and volunteers

And we are right here when you need to overcome problems

- Regulatory compliance, due diligence, inquiries and investigations
- Disputes, breaches, claims, proceedings, solvency
- Employment grievances and tribunals
- GDPR, privacy, IP, commercial contacts
- Serious incidents, safeguarding, whistleblowing
- Crisis management and protecting reputation
- Mission drift, loss of funding, dissolution
- Mergers, collaborations, subsidiaries



Your trusted adviser



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Michele combines a passion for helping charities and not-for-profits succeed, with an enthusiasm for advising philanthropists and social investors on how best to support the causes close to their hearts. Above all, she cares about what you care about. She will get to the bottom of your issues and help you thrive. Her clients value her because she is a trusted adviser who delivers solutions with wisdom, care and real appreciation for the not-for-profit landscape.

With a 30-year career spanning contentious and non-contentious areas of the Law, Michele has developed a niche specialism where she combines her practical and legal skills to great effect in the fast-developing and increasingly indispensable Third Sector and Civil Society response to local, national and international need. She is recognised by the Legal 500. She aims to equip organisations to face the challenges and demands upon their services best while ensuring that those who wish to support charities do so in the most effective and tax-efficient way. Michele understands the sector from the inside out, having worked in-house with a major national military charity and at senior executive level for a new heritage charity. She brings wisdom, insight and pragmatism to every situation, and is particularly well sought after by organisations facing reputational and operational problems.

On the Philanthropy side, social investors and families wishing to create charitable foundations value her knowledge of what truly brings about change and the access she has to a wide range of relevant networks. Michele is well regarded for her written articles, broadcasts, training presentations, webinars and conference contributions on Charity and Philanthropy. Michele currently sits on the board of two music charities and is co-opted onto the boards of others to advise on governance, safeguarding and fundraising.

Michele understands the need to provide value to organisations in this sector and will develop a proposal for you based on fixed fees, small charities rates where applicable, and staged payments.



Recent cases

- Drafted commercial contracts for #endchildfoodpoverty campaign
- Registered the first private medicinal cannabis charity
- Advised major corporation on setting up a charitable foundation
- Settling claims arising from historical abuse in faith settings
- Registered a charity providing aid to Ukraine within 7 days
- Assisting a national high-profile campaign, formulating its structure and strategy
- Negotiated a merger with one of the leading cancer charities
- Overhauled the governance of a major grant giving body
- Spokesperson for a charity facing adverse press and media attention

Testimonials

'Michele Price is another known name for her work on diverse issues such as serious incident reporting and major safeguarding cases.'

— Legal 500

'I have been consistently bowled over by [Michele's] outstanding customer service, swift responses, clear communication, straightforward legal advice and clear commitment to doing right by small not-for-profits. I really appreciated [her] proactive research and willingness to set quotes that maximise the budget. [She has] made an exceptional first impression.'

— Jon Ross-Barrett, Project Manager at Inclusive Minds CIC

'Michele's response was quick, different, and refreshing, as she responded with an understanding and reassuring empathy that [our issue] was common. Her approach was so very impressive; I came away thinking that she really knew her stuff.'

— Jon Anthony, Director at Start Change



A key part of gunnercooke's vision is that we 'create a better world than we found'. We wanted our firm to have a greater purpose than growth and profit and to this end we established the gunnercooke foundation.

The Foundation was born of the passionate belief that businesses have all of the tools and resources to help solve the world's problems. There are more than 165,000 registered charities in the UK.

Yet just 1% of these charities receive 70% of all charitable income. The big question is: what about the rest?

Our mission is to bridge the gap between businesses and small to medium-sized charities that operate in the same community. We believe that enterprise is a force for social good. More than that, it is the most powerful system we can call on to elevate local communities and the people who live within them.



About gunnercooke

gunnercooke is an award-winning full service law firm, founded in 2010, to challenge, improve and evolve the way that legal services are delivered. We, at present, are more than 332 expert partners, operating nationally and internationally. We are delighted to have been recognised for 61 industry awards, including The Times' Best Law Firms 2022 and Law Company of the Year at The Lawyer Awards 2020.

Our business was established following conversations with business leaders, CEOs, Finance Directors and Heads of Legal, who were disappointed with the legal services they were receiving from commercial law firms.

We continue to evolve and support creativity and innovation in our delivery, though the key principles of our model remain unchanged:

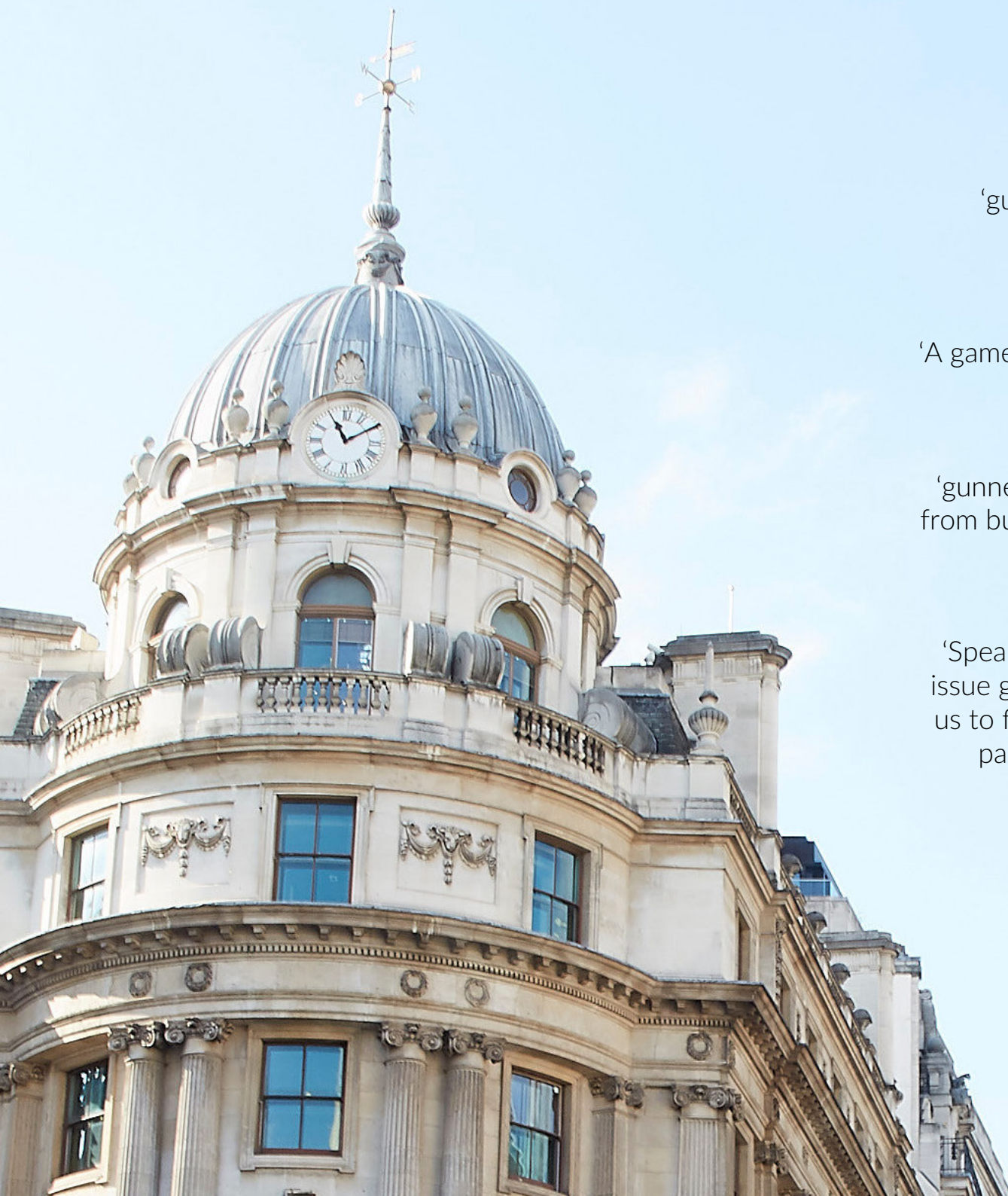
Services delivered solely via senior lawyers. Every Partner has a minimum 10,000 hours of practising experience — they can truly call themselves 'experts'.

Certainty of pricing. We provide certainty and transparency over the cost of our services, wherever possible providing fixed fee quotes that once agreed, will not change.

Business focussed advisors. gunnercooke lawyers advise with authority. Many of our lawyers have spent time in business, learning first-hand how to work to a financial budget, and the way that legal decisions impact the wider organisation.

An Award-Winning Firm





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‘gunnercooke are an industry known legal heavyweight.’

Legal 500 2022

‘A game changing model in a traditional profession.’

Business Culture Awards 2020

‘gunnercooke brings together exceptional people from business, academia and professional services.’

The i News

‘Speaking to gunnercooke when we have a legal issue gives us complete peace of mind. They help us to find our way through situations quickly and painlessly, which is hugely valuable to us.’

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