

ILM Conference

Fraud: prevention and cure

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Our Fraud in Legacies panel considered recent case studies and shared top tips for spotting and preventing fraud. If you do suspect fraudulent behaviour, we can help. Read on to learn more about the services our Counter-Fraud team provides.

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How can Bates Wells help you to fight fraud?

Our Counter-Fraud team is made up of experienced lawyers from a range of disciplines and can help your charity:

- prevent fraud from occurring or recurring
- secure evidence of wrong-doing and help recover lost funds
- manage internal disciplinary and other employment related processes
- co-ordinate action with the appropriate authorities and comply with your regulatory and other reporting obligations.

What sort of issues can we help your charity with?

- internal fraud and misconduct matters
- external fraud, including cyber-fraud (ransomware, copied websites, online donation fraud and cloaked email addresses), third parties who are administering or responsible for funds and legacy fraud by executors and individuals known to the testator.

Prevention

Prevention is always better than cure. We can provide guidance and advice on:

- trustees' duties, rights and obligations across all types of fraud or breaches of trust
- Investigating suspected fraud, including collection and review of evidence
- reviewing and updating internal processes and procedures, including communications, financial controls, data protection and early identification of fraud
- employment contract and line management reviews
- website penetration testing
- reviewing insurance arrangements.



Get in touch

To ask a question on a confidential basis, or for more information about how we might help your charity, please email us at fightingfraud@bateswells.com or call 020 7551 7777 and ask to speak to Rob Oakley or Mindy Jhittay (overleaf). We are pleased to offer a free half hour consultation.

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We focus on positive social impact as much as we focus on being a successful law firm. Our top tier legal advice is coupled with a real desire to drive change and we were the first UK law firm to achieve B Corp certification, awarded to businesses that balance purpose and profit.

Today, our clients are diverse – from corporate household names, to public bodies, to start-ups. We're also the firm of choice for thousands of charities and social enterprises. We continue to lead the market we helped to shape.

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