



Faith, Hope & Charity

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ABOUT THE BOOK

Moses had it easy - he only had 10 laws to keep! Imagine if he, or any of the leaders in the Bible, had to lead today ... Compliance with myriad laws and regulations would surely have distracted them from the essential job of doing their work. So how can charity leaders and volunteers cope in today's legislative jungle?

Paul Martin provides us with a practical, understandable and comprehensive guide to running a secular or faith-based charity and running it well. Carefully laid out, the contents are easily accessible to those who just want to dip in and find the answer to their question. For those who wish to linger longer, there is helpful explanation and advice. Drawing on his 40+ years as both a lawyer specialising in the sector and charity trustee, Paul is able to offer pragmatic advice as well as explore some of the more challenging issues, such as why leadership and organisations fall. Comprising of 29 chapters spread over 400 pages, plus useful glossaries, schedules and a comprehensive index, the book covers everything charities need to know about the law, and much they probably wish they didn't!



BIO

Paul Martin has been a lawyer for over 40 years and has been a partner with Wellers since 1983. Based in London, Paul serves charity and not-for-profit organisations in the UK and overseas. He has served as a trustee of several local and international charities (two of those as joint founder) and has travelled worldwide to consult on charity projects. In recent years, Paul has been a speaker at charity conferences in China, Singapore, Australia and the USA. In 2015/16 Paul consulted with Beijing Normal University on the China charity legislation which became law in 2016. Married to Claire, they have two married children.



ENDORSEMENTS

'God loves a cheerful giver,' says 2 Corinthians 9:7. Indeed so, but those who are involved in any way with either giving to a charity or managing one are inclined to find any tendency to smile vanish in the face of the intimidating scope and complexity of modern charity law. In fact, many people are so scared by legal issues in this area that they hold back from being involved in what should be a normal element in a Christian's grateful response to God's goodness. So I am particularly grateful for this clear, authoritative and helpful handbook to every aspect you can think of - and a few that you can't - in the area of the management of a charity, whether it be a church, a trust or a conference centre. This trustworthy guide through the bewildering maze of legislation deserves to be on the bookshelf of anybody remotely connected with a charity. I'm profoundly grateful for the way that this book has the potential to encourage and equip all who are involved in the world of charity.'

Revd Canon J. John, author and speaker

'What a goldmine of valuable, important information for those who are involved in the world of charity. I wish I'd had this book when I founded a charity called Send the Light in 1962, which also became Operation Mobilization. There was so much to learn along the way and mistakes cost. This book should be required reading for all board members of charities as well as the CEO and CFO and others. Leading a UK Charity is more complicated than ever and Paul Martin has done us a great service giving us this vitally important book.'

George Verwer DD, founder and former International Director Operation Mobilization

'Part of our role at the Evangelical Alliance is to encourage churches and charities to do their job well, avoiding disputes and compliance failures. This book is a one-stop-shop which answers the key questions you may have regarding running the legal and financial elements of your church or ministry. It will be essential reading for those who want to do more than just pray that they are doing the right thing.'

Steve Clifford, General Director, Evangelical Alliance UK

KEY SELLING POINTS:

Completely revised and updated in the light of new charity legislation since first published by IVP in 2008 as *The Christian Charities Handbook*.

Full of wisdom and biblical insights revealing the true nature of God.

Engaging style which is encouraging and supportive rather than condemning.

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