

## **Donations Acceptance Policy - Summary**

This policy is a public guide to how The Solicitors' Charity decides whether to accept or refuse donations and gifts of all kinds and from all donors.

We have aligned our policy to the Fundraising Regulator's Code of Fundraising Practice. The policy has been developed in accordance with guidance from the Charity Commission and the Chartered Institute of Fundraising.

We have put in place procedures to ensure that decisions are not taken on an ad-hoc basis but are in support of The Solicitors' Charity strategy and objectives and aligned to our values.

This policy has been designed to provide clear and objective standards against which The Solicitors' Charity's actions can be judged in cases of potential or actual dispute to protect the Charity's reputation.

## **Trustees' obligations**

The Trustees take overall legal responsibility for decisions relating to whether a donation is accepted or refused and must always be able to demonstrate that they have acted in the best interests of the Charity. They have a duty to consider carefully, based on the evidence made available to them, whether The Solicitors' Charity's interests will be better served by accepting or refusing a donation and to act accordingly.

## **Procedures**

The Board of Trustees delegates the responsibility for day-to-day decisions regarding donations to the Charity's CEO, assisted by the senior management team.

The CEO is responsible for ensuring that donors are supporting The Solicitors' Charity in accordance with this policy. If any element of the policy is contravened, the CEO will consider the acceptance or refusal of donations and will ensure that the Board of Trustees is informed of any decisions which could raise questions.

## **Guiding principles**

In order to establish whether donations or categories of donation are in the best interest of the Charity, they will be evaluated against the Vision and Mission of the Charity.

## **Our vision.**

To be here for all Solicitors and their dependants, to help and support their wellbeing in times of need and beyond, so that they can thrive.

**Our mission.**

We provide personalised support for emotional, physical, professional and financial wellbeing.

**The Charity will refuse donations:**

- From companies or individuals whose wealth is known to result from illegal activities or where there are indications of corruption and related economic crime.
- From individuals who are vulnerable and may have been subject to coercion.
- Where the activities of a donor are directly contrary to the objectives or agreed policies of the Charity.
- Where it is suspected that the gift has been donated to facilitate money laundering or other criminal activity.
- Where it can be clearly shown that the cost to the Charity of accepting a donation will be greater than the value of the donation itself.

In the event that The Solicitors' Charity decides not to accept a donation, it will record both the decision and the reason.

**Please direct any donations enquiries to: [sec@thesolicitorscharity.org](mailto:sec@thesolicitorscharity.org)**