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GOWLING WLG

Lorna Gavin

COLLABORATING TO CREATE THE SUITED FOR SUCCESS CHARITY

The firm collaborated with Lloyds Bank, Anthony Collins Solicitors, Deutsche Bank and others to create Suited for Success, a charity that provides appropriate interview clothes for homeless and long-term unemployed people trying to return to work.

Collaboration was the key to the project's success. The companies involved provided meeting rooms, pro bono IT

assistance to develop the official website of the organisation, and brand and logo design. The Gowling WLG team in particular also provided pro bono intellectual property, real estate and planning advice to help Suited for Success become a registered charity with premises of its own, just 15 months after the idea was born.

Patricia White, managing director of Suited for Success, said: 'Gowling WLG played a big part in helping us get the new premises for Suited for Success... We would never have been able to afford the legal costs without their help and support.'

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BOND DICKINSON

Nick Page

There has been a drive in both Greenwich and Lewisham to encourage individuals to set up in business as an alternative to employed work. With this in mind, Bond Dickinson partnered with the University of Greenwich to open The Small Business Clinic in September 2016, which is proving to be a lifeline to those businesses that use the service.

CMS CAMERON McKENNA

Sophie Breuil

A two-year strategic partnership with War Child has seen CMS raise over £500,000 for the charity, helping to support over 52,000 children caught up in war zones. In addition to raising critical funds, CMS lawyers provided

over 3,000 pro bono hours on a variety of projects, worth £1m in total.

DECHERT

Jonathan Angell

Dechert has a close relationship with the Restoration of Appearance and Function Trust (RAFT), a charity set up by plastic surgeons to help rebuild the lives of those affected by accident, disease or birth defect. Over the past five years, the firm has transformed the charity's organisational and financial structure, helped it fund clinical trials and provided some crucial employment and IP advice.

DENTONS

Bernadette O'Sullivan

Dentons' lawyers have provided over 10,000 hours of free legal advice

to the residents of Tower Hamlets through its legal advice clinic, known as Poplaw. In autumn 2016, the firm celebrated the tenth anniversary of this initiative. More than 4,500 clients have been served by the clinic, representing £4.8m in chargeable time and contributing to a very significant saving for the local community.

HOGAN LOVELLS

Yasmin Waljee

The Rio 2016 Paralympic Games marked the culmination of Hogan Lovells' role as official legal services provider to the British Paralympic Association. In the 12 months leading up to Rio 2016, lawyers and support staff dedicated over 5,000 hours to the BPA relationship.



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