

Fundraising Compliance in Cyprus – Michael Kyprianou - Law Firm Charity Gala

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Fundraising plays a vital role in supporting civil society and charitable activity in the Republic of Cyprus. To safeguard public trust and ensure transparency, the legal framework, primarily the **Fundraising Law of 2014 (N. 68(I)/2014)** sets clear obligations for all individuals and organisations conducting fundraising activities. This framework ensures that charitable fundraising is conducted lawfully, ethically, and with accountability toward donors and beneficiaries.

Under the Law, **no person or organisation may conduct a fundraising activity without a valid permit** issued either by the Ministry of Interior or the relevant District Administration. This permit functions as both an authorisation and a mechanism ensuring compliance with reporting obligations and ethical standards. Conducting an unlicensed fundraiser constitutes a criminal offence.

Additional safeguards include the **prohibition of house to house fundraising, prohibition of traffic light fundraising**, and limitations on the use of **paid promoters**, who may only be engaged with express approval of the Minister of Interior.

All organisers must also submit a complete statement of income and expenditure, with authorities empowered to verify and audit all relevant financial information.

Judicial decisions interpreting the Law have consistently reinforced its objectives. While anonymised here, past court rulings have clarified that:

1. Lack of fraudulent intent does not remove liability, conducting fundraising without a licence remains an offence.
2. House to house fundraising is strictly prohibited, regardless of whether volunteers or paid collectors are used.
3. Activities indirectly soliciting funds, such as selling items or tickets for charitable benefit, may constitute covert fundraising and require a permit.
4. Authorities have wide discretion to request financial documentation and may legitimately refuse a permit where transparency obligations are not satisfied.

Collectively, these principles highlight the importance of adhering to the statutory framework to preserve transparency and public confidence in charitable giving.

While international ethical thinking emphasises the moral duty to assist others, Cypriot law ensures that such intentions are framed within a structure of legality and accountability. Lawful fundraising protects donors, beneficiaries, and the integrity of the charitable purpose itself.

Charity Event Announcement – Michael Kyprianou Law Firm with “One Dream One Wish”

MK Law Firm is delighted to announce the organisation of a **Charity Gala Dinner** in collaboration with the foundation **“One Dream One Wish – Ένα Όνειρο, Μια Ευχή”**, supporting children living with cancer and related serious illnesses.

This event will be conducted **in full compliance with the Fundraising Law of 2014**, reflecting our firm’s commitment not only to charitable giving but also to transparency, responsibility, and community trust.

To support the mission of One Dream One Wish in granting wishes, offering psychological support, and improving the quality of life for children and families facing life threatening conditions, we are holding this prestigious event:

Date: 28th of February 2026 at 20:00

Location: Annabelle Hotel, Paphos

We warmly invite colleagues, friends, partners, and members of our community to join us at this **special Charity Gala Dinner**. **Please let me know if you wish to attend**. Your presence alone strengthens the impact of our collective effort, and together we can offer real support to children and families who need it most.

For those who may not be able to attend, contributions of any size are deeply appreciated. Even the smallest gesture can light up a child’s world, bring hope to a struggling family, and help the “One Dream One Wish” foundation continue its life changing mission.

Sometimes a small act of kindness becomes a powerful act of love and in this spirit, we welcome everyone to participate in whichever way they can. Every contribution is big, because its impact is felt with the heart.

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