

# Dentons partners with LegalCharity, Russia's first pro bono platform for lawyers

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**Moscow** —Dentons has become one of the partners of LegalCharity, the first pro bono platform for lawyers in Russia.

The platform was founded by A1 Bar Association, in an effort to promote the practice of social advocacy in Russia based on pro bono projects.

The LegalCharity site (<https://legalcharity.ru/>) allows anyone who needs legal services but can't afford to pay market rates for them to seek qualified pro bono legal assistance.

Alexander Zablotskis, Chairman of A1 Bar Association, said: "Social advocacy is a new emerging area of activity for law firms in Russia. One of the basic problems faced by social advocacy is the lack of a simple and transparent way for those seeking pro bono legal assistance to communicate with members of the legal community. The new LegalCharity public pro bono legal services platform is intended to solve that problem."

**Alexei Zakharko**, Russia Managing Partner at Dentons, said: "This project is both necessary and timely for the Russian market. Many small and medium businesses currently lack financial resources, have overloaded staff, and face considerable uncertainty. LegalCharity will not only help solve legal problems for those who are unable to pay for legal services, but will make the legal community aware of current social problems. As a firm that does a lot of pro bono work globally, including in Russia, by providing free legal advice to non-profits, social and charitable organizations, Dentons is delighted to support this initiative and partner with the project."

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