



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

# STEP SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)

Professional community groups and international information networks supporting specialist practice

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Our Special Interest Groups provide opportunities for practitioners and related professionals to connect and advance their focused area of practice. Specialisms focus around some of the more complex issues families face in planning for their future surrounding international families, protection of the vulnerable, family businesses and philanthropic giving, for example. The groups aim to benefit the practitioner, their area of specialisation, the clients they serve, and the industry at large.

## THE SIGS

**Business Families SIG** focuses on what makes business families distinct, their particular challenges and how best to address them.

**Charities SIG** works to promote best practice and further technical understanding within the charity field. This includes facilitating the discussion of legal and accountancy issues and the role charitable giving plays in strategic corporate planning and succession planning.

**Contentious Trusts and Estates SIG** addresses international trust and estate jurisprudence while promoting best practice in avoiding, or dealing with, contentious trust and estate disputes and trustee litigation.

**Cross-Border Estates SIG** looks at the area of estate planning and administration of estates or successions across international borders, focusing on reconciling conflicting inheritance rules between civil code jurisdictions, common law jurisdictions, and other codes of law.

**Digital Assets SIG** addresses emerging issues relating to how practitioners assist clients and fiduciaries in planning for and administering digital assets.

**International Client SIG** focuses on the needs of practitioners worldwide serving, or aspiring to serve, international clients with complex planning needs; focusing on lifelong professional, business development and career support.

**Mental Capacity SIG** concentrates on the increasing importance and relevance of issues concerning capacity and vulnerable clients in all aspects of legal work relating to inheritance and succession planning.

**Philanthropy Advisors SIG** focuses on enhancing the strategic nature of giving and social investing to raise the status of private client philanthropy advisory and help encourage further professionalism.



## JOIN US

Join over 5,000 experienced professionals across 76 countries and 2,000 organisations

Joining a SIG is easy. Simply visit [www.step.org/sigs](http://www.step.org/sigs) to sign up online.

There is presently no joining fee and SIG membership is open to both STEP members and non-members.

## ABOUT STEP

STEP is the worldwide professional association for those advising families across generations.

We help people understand the issues families face in this area and promote best practice, professional integrity and education to our members.

Today we have more than 20,000 members across 95 countries from a range of professions, including lawyers, accountants and other specialists.

What connects our members is that they all help families plan for their futures: from drafting a will or advising family businesses, to helping international families and protecting vulnerable family members.

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