

THE BRIEF

Lawyers rock the charity world

Lawyers are not usually viewed as rock 'n' rollers – rather than trashing hotel rooms they more often pick up the pieces afterwards, having to sort out liabilities when the telly has been chucked into the swimming pool and the minibars of several suites have been emptied without payment.

But – and who would have guessed it – eight years ago something called Law Rocks was born in London and has since spread to Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York, Philadelphia and Washington DC.

The idea was that a load of buttoned up lawyers with a hankering for a bit of glamour and the ability to strum a few chords and shout some lyrics could play at being rockers. Embarrassing, but it is done in the name of charity – and now the event itself has secured charitable status.

Howard Kennedy, those leather-clad head-bangers perched above London Bridge, proudly revealed yesterday that they had advised the Law Rocks organisers in a successful application to the Charities Commission.

Law Rocks was founded by Nick Child – a former senior clerk at Keating Chambers in London and now the managing director at a multinational business consultancy – and Damian Hickman, chief executive of the International Dispute Resolution Centre.

It aims "to promote music education for underprivileged young people and to raise funds for not-for-profit organisations by combining the power of music and the generosity of the global legal community".

The charity claims to raise up to £40,000 annually in the UK and as much as \$2 million around the world.