

Nonprofit Law And Governance For Dummies

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This updated edition of Nonprofit Governance: The Executive's Guide expands the scope of its popular predecessor to address issue relevant to both directors and managers of nonprofit.

This book covers the formation, tax, governance, and documentation issues [of nonprofit organizations] ... and addresses some other areas, including mergers and sale of assets of nonprofits as well as dissolution of nonprofits. -- From the author's preface.

The economic importance of the non-profit sector is growing rapidly in the USA and Europe. However, the law has not kept abreast with its development. The European Court of Justice has extended certain freedoms of the EC Treaty to non-profit organisations, and more case law is expected to follow in the near future, but the observations, theories, solutions and legal and non-legal rules in this field are manifold. The chances of harmonising the law on a European level are slim. Despite these differences, a common core of international corporate governance problems and regulatory solutions can be seen. This volume of essays brings together a variety of international experts from both corporate governance and governance of non-profit organisations to compare the two areas and explore the lessons that can be learned regarding comparative corporate governance for non-profit organisations.

A concise overview of the legal needs of nonprofit organizations Good Counsel is a compact and personable overview of the legal needs of nonprofits, crafted by one of America's most astute nonprofit general counsels. The book distills the legal needs of the 1.8 million tax-exempt organizations in the United States. Written in a clear and accessible style, with plenty of humor and storytelling as well as illustrative case studies, Good Counsel explains the basics of nonprofit corporate law, governance, and the tax exemption. It then takes a department-by-department look at legal topics relevant to program, fundraising, finance, communications, human resources, operations, contracts, government relations, and more. Good Counsel is designed help organizations fulfill their missions to do the public good. Designed to impart confidence and demystify the issues, Good Counsel is a must-read for nonprofit professionals and board members as well as lawyers and law students. Using Good Counsel as their playbook, lawyers, executives, and trustees can get an overview of the most common legal, governance, and compliance issues facing their organization and together ramp up a top-notch legal function. Contains practice pointers, checklists, and assessment tools Features sample contracts, licenses, and other form documents Filled with case studies and end-of-chapter focus questions, as well as available lesson plans for easy classroom use by educators in business, management, public policy, and law schools Good Counsel is the first-of-its-kind guidebook written by the sitting General Counsel of a major nonprofit. Written by influential author, speaker, and Bar leader Lesley Rosenthal, the General Counsel of Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Good Counsel shares the insights of a Harvard Law School graduate with years of in-house and business law experience as well as board service.

Essential reading for academics and students, this work brings together analyses based upon some of the best empirical studies of public and non-profit governance in the United Kingdom.

THE HANDBOOK OF NONPROFIT GOVERNANCE From BoardSource comes The Handbook of Nonprofit Governance. This comprehensive resource explores the overarching question of governance within nonprofit organizations and addresses the roles, structures, and practices of an effective nonprofit. The Handbook of Nonprofit Governance covers the topics that are of most importance to those charged with creating and sustaining effective leadership, including building a board; succession planning; policies; financial oversight; fundraising; planning; strategic planning processes; risk management; and evaluation of the board, CEO, and organization. Praise for The Handbook of Nonprofit Governance "This is the first book I've found that covers the topic of governance from A to Z. I know what I'll be assigning the students in my governance class as a textbook next semester!" —TERRIE TEMKIN, founding principal, CoreStrategies for Nonprofits, Inc. "BoardSource has prepared an exceptional resource for nonprofit boards and leaders. This comprehensive volume offers timely and relevant information about board work and governance, including practical tools and resources that will be valuable to all types of nonprofits." —DAVID O. RENZ, chair, department of public affairs; Beth K. Smith/Missouri Chair in Nonprofit Leadership; and director, Midwest Center for Nonprofit Leadership; University of Missouri, Kansas City "If you are involved in nonprofit organizations, and if you ever have doubts about how they are best run, this is the book for you-and BoardSource is the place to turn." —FISHER HOWE, consultant, Lavender/Howe & Associates, and author, The Nonprofit Leadership Team BoardSource (formerly the National Center for Nonprofit Boards) is the premier resource for practical information, tools and best practices, training, and leadership development for board members of nonprofit organizations worldwide.

Highlights of this casebook include: 1.) 2006 Pension Protection Act amendments to the Internal Revenue Code as they relate to tax exempt organizations. 2.) Coverage of corporate governance to include a discussion of the standards of care and loyalty applicable to directors and trustees of nonprofit organizations as well as the means to enforce fiduciary obligations. 3.) Coverage of the tax law relating to all nonprofit organizations to include the means to obtain and maintain tax exempt status, public charity versus private foundation status for 501(c)(3) organizations, tax treatment of donations, and UBIT. 4.) Individual chapters on churches, schools, hospitals, social clubs, trade and professional organizations, political organizations, and

homeowners' associations. The individual chapters address the taxation of these nonprofits; First Amendment constraints, political activities, and issues relating to property ownership and member liability for religious organizations; reorganization of nonprofit hospitals as well as challenges to tax exempt status of nonprofit hospitals; cy pres and doctrine of deviation; right of association; application of antitrust provisions to nonprofits; and bipartisan campaign reform as it applies to 527 organizations

A comprehensive guide to understanding the theory and implications of constitutional law as it relates to tax-exempt organizations Although the U.S. Constitution does not make any reference to nonprofit organizations—not surprising, since the Constitution is not a framework for the structure of the entirety of U.S. society—the Supreme Court has effusively shaped nonprofit law. Now, leading nonprofit law expert Bruce R. Hopkins discusses how tax-exempt organizations, including educational, religious, and healthcare institutions, are directly affected by constitutional law decisions and other pronouncements from the U.S. Supreme Court. Written by one of the country's leading legal authorities on tax-exempt organizations Provides a comprehensive, authoritative examination of constitutional law principles and their implications for tax-exempt organizations Includes coverage of the Supreme Court's perspective on nonprofit organizations and tax exemption, applicability of the Establishment and Free Exercise Clauses to nonprofit religious organizations, the import of Free Speech principles in the charitable fundraising context, the constitutionality of the individual health insurance mandate, and more Other titles by Bruce R. Hopkins: *The Law of Tax-Exempt Organizations*, Tenth Edition, *The Law of Fundraising*, Fourth Edition, and *The Tax Law of Charitable Giving*, Fourth Edition Should religious organizations be exempt from taxation? Should religious groups get tax exemptions not available to other organizations? Are state charitable solicitation acts constitutional? Is the health insurance mandate constitutional? Is the Affordable Care Act subject to legal challenge at this time? How many ways has the Supreme Court shaped nonprofit law? Get answers to these questions and many more from *Tax-Exempt Organizations and Constitutional Law*.

Authoritative answers to the most important questions on business, tax, legal, and fundraising practices for nonprofit organizations Written in the inviting style of Bruce Hopkins, the nation's leading legal authority on nonprofit organizations, *650 Essential Nonprofit Law Questions Answered* is a must-have guide, developed specifically to help nonprofit managers and advisers harness the latest trends and developments in nonprofit law. Presented in a convenient question-and-answer format, *650 Essential Nonprofit Law Questions Answered* offers real-world solutions to the most common challenges facing nonprofit organizations, including: Intermediate sanctions Competition and commerciality doctrines Partnerships and joint ventures Private foundation rules Disclosure and distribution rules Annual report requirements Planned giving *650 Essential Nonprofit Law Questions Answered* is the nonprofit professional's best resource for understanding statutes, regulations, and other laws governing tax-exempt organizations.

Designed to help nonprofit board members and senior staff, "The six books address all of the fundamental elements of service common to most boards, including board member responsibilities, how to structure the board in the most efficient manner, and how to accomplish governance work in the spirit of the mission of the organization."--Pg. 2 of Book 1.

A hands-on guide to the most pertinent and critical legal issues facing those who lead and manage tax-exempt colleges and universities *Nonprofit Law for Colleges and Universities* is a practical, accessible guide to nonprofit law as it is specifically applicable to exempt colleges and universities, and their related entities, such as fundraising foundations, endowment funds, supporting organizations, for-profit subsidiaries, and limited liability companies. Topics discussed will include governance, endowment funds management, the annual reporting requirements, and the unrelated business rules Written by the country's leading authorities on tax-exempt organizations Features essential, practical legal information in easy-to-understand English Presented in question-and-answer format, divided according to major topic areas that are of interest to those who lead and manage tax-exempt colleges and universities Designed for the management and leadership of colleges and universities, as well as others working in the higher education field, such as lawyers, accountants, and fundraising/development personnel, *Nonprofit Law for Colleges and Universities* allows readers to easily search for and find answers to questions, putting all the information they need right at their fingertips.

A useful reference book for directors of nonprofit corporations in the U.S.—from the smallest local corporation, to the largest nonprofit corporation with operations across the country and even abroad—to help them identify information they need in certain areas, and suggest methods for obtaining this information within the framework of the corporation's particular circumstances.

Nonprofit Law for Religious Organizations: Essential Questions & Answers is a hands-on guide to the most pertinent and critical legal issues facing those who lead and manage religious tax-exempt organizations with an emphasis on tax, employment, property and constitutional law. This timely book is a response to the need for guidance, direction, and clarification of legal and tax laws affecting churches and other religious organizations.

Can starting a 501c3 nonprofit really ruin your life? Absolutely - if you don't know what you're doing! In this easy to read guide, nonprofit Attorney Audrey K. Chisholm shares in plain English how to legally structure your nonprofit to avoid IRS trouble, lawsuits, financial scandals & more!" This book is perfect for anyone that wants to start a nonprofit or that already has a nonprofit and wants to make sure they're in compliance with the I.R.S. and the law. Nonprofit founders, board members, officers, employees, volunteers, donors, and community partners can all benefit from this text. The book includes 225 pages worth of guidance and is designed to save each reader THOUSANDS of dollars in legal fees. This book will share: - How to Avoid I.R.S. Trouble When Paying Yourself - How to Avoid a Lawsuit When Choosing a Name for your Nonprofit - How to Avoid Getting Kicked Off Your Own Board of Directors - 11 Things You Need To Do Before Accepting Any Major Donations - How to Avoid Financial Scandals When Handling Money for Your Nonprofit - Top 7 Reasons Nonprofits Get Into Legal Trouble And How to Avoid Them - How to Avoid Liability When Fundraising for Your Nonprofit - How to Legally Structure Your Nonprofit to Avoid IRS Trouble -Most Important Things You Absolutely Must Know to Avoid Liability When Recruiting Volunteers -How to Protect Your Nonprofit's Name from Counterfeits and Identity Theft -10 Things You Need to Do to Avoid Being Sued Personally for Your Nonprofit's Actions Even If You've Incorporated with the State - How to Avoid Losing Your Entire Nonprofit by Keeping up with Annual FilingsAnd more! Attorney Audrey K. Chisholm is the founder of Chisholm Law Firm, LLC (www.Chisholmfirm.com) a law firm focusing on helping professionals start nonprofits throughout the United States. She has a 100% success rate with her nonprofit filings and her clients range from professionals to NFL players and a Fortune 500 company. She is also the founder of Revolution Leadership, Inc., a 501c3 nonprofit that has served over 1,633 students and has awarded 30+ college scholarships for the past 17 years. She resides in Orlando, Florida with her husband, Dr. Juan Chisholm, and three daughters. Visit www.StartYourTaxExemptNonprofit.com for more information.

In a concise and readable format, *Nonprofit Law*, 2nd Edition provides up-to-date information about the legal issues that can arise at every turn--from inception to termination--of a Section 501(c)(3) organization. This second edition continues and builds upon the comprehensive features of the first edition, including: A reader-friendly presentation that does not assume earlier background with tax, trusts,

or corporations A balanced treatment between theory and practical reality Cradle-to-grave organization of topics Notes, questions, and problems in each chapter that add context to the text All relevant statutes and regulations within the text Optional exercises for creating a virtual nonprofit, which become the basis for further hypothetical questions. Designed to satisfy the highest academic requirements for students of law, business, and public policy (and to provide an accessible, comprehensive desk reference for practicing nonprofit professionals), Nonprofit Law, 2nd Edition explains the corporate, tax, and other regulatory issues that all nonprofit managers, board members, and their lawyers ultimately face. Highlights of the second edition include: Examples of familiar organizations, from Catholic Dioceses to the American Red Cross, grappling with critical issues Consideration of for-profit social enterprises as alternatives to nonprofits Thorough exploration of the policy implications of nonprofit regulation An explanation of the controversies surrounding nonprofits' entrance into politics and the IRS' response.

The ins and outs of law in the nonprofit sector--made easy! Written by renowned author Bruce R. Hopkins, Nonprofit Law Made Easy is a must-read guide for executives, board members, officers, accountants, fundraisers, and others who handle legal issues that affect the way nonprofit organizations are formed and operated. Nonprofit Law Made Easy presents in-depth discussions on such hot topics as acquiring and maintaining tax-exempt status, reporting requirements, charitable giving, disclosure requirements, unrelated business activities, fundraising, corporate governance principles, and board member liability. It also includes crucial information on avoiding nonprofit law traps and navigating governance and liability issues. Packed with practical tips and hard-to-find, authoritative advice, Nonprofit Law Made Easy demystifies complex legal issues with plain-language explanations of laws and regulations for non-legal professionals.

The essential guide to foundation tax law, revised and expanded Private Foundations, 4th Edition: Tax Law and Compliance captures all new developments in the area, providing an up-to-date reference on relevant changes in IRS forms, requirements, and related tax procedures. Completely revised and expanded, this useful book provides valuable tools including checklists that highlight critical concerns such as tax exempt eligibility, reporting to the IRS, and tax compliance. Sample documents and practice aids provide easy quick reference, and the extensive analysis of the regulations and law that apply to foundations helps reader fully grasp the details of new legislation. In-depth coverage includes everything from organizing and applying for tax-exempt status and managing mandatory distribution, to annual reporting and winding up a foundation's affairs. With more than 80,000 private foundations in the United States, and the increasing scrutiny of the IRS, this essential book provides the tax law updates that keep foundations compliant in the midst of ever evolving laws and guidelines. Written by two of the country's leading legal authorities on the law of private foundations, this new edition provides guidance toward the latest changes, with top-notch insight and interpretation. Understand critical guidelines regarding eligibility, reporting, and compliance Get up to date on the most recent changes to tax regulations and other law Complete applications and forms more quickly and easily Consult charts and examples to find information quickly Staying up to date on the tax laws that apply to private foundations can be daunting, especially factoring in the need to understand the interpretation and application of these complex regulations. Private Foundations, 4th Edition: Tax Law and Compliance puts all the codification and guidance in one place, making it a "must-have" reference for foundation tax law.

This book addresses a specific subset of nonprofits that are chartered with a single mission: decrease the burden of government. Designing and engaging nonprofits to lessen the burden of government requires a specific description and acknowledgement of the burden to be lessened, and these may include the provision of infrastructure, the relief of debt, or the provision of general public services that are not motivated by charity. It also requires the assignment of specific operating powers to the nonprofit including the power of eminent domain. This book explores these and other related topics including the avoidance of resource dependence on government when attempting to reduce its burden. The book is addressed to the policy makers and rule makers who design policies that affect the ability of the nonprofit to effectively lessen the burden of government. It is also addressed to public administrators in search of innovative ways of implementing these policies consistent with the laws, and to the creative nonprofit managers who are charged with carrying out the mission often in collaboration with the government or other entities. To the advanced student in all related fields, the author offers not only material for discussion, but enables discovery of what is possible by giving key examples of organizations meeting the terms and objective of lessening a significant burden of government.

Written for directors of nonprofit organizations and practitioners, this guidebook provides a complete overview of the major reforms enacted or triggered by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, including governance reforms promulgated by the SEC and the Stock Exchanges.

Concise, authoritative answers to questions concerning the business, tax, legal, and fund-raising practices of nonprofit organizations The Legal Answer Book for Nonprofit Organizations Designed to help nonprofit managers and their professional consultants, this comprehensive reference presents—in plain English—practical answers to the most frequently asked questions about nonprofit organizations. Nonprofit managers will find a wealth of workable, real-world solutions to their most pressing problems and concerns, including private inurement, lobbying limitations, subsidiary organizations, strategic alliances with for-profit and nonprofit organizations, board governance and responsibilities, liability insurance, planned giving vehicles, and much more. Written and edited by a leading legal authority on tax-exempt organizations, it also offers creative strategies for enhancing and expanding a nonprofit organization's activities. Periodic updates will keep readers informed of the latest trends and developments in the nonprofit sector. Nonprofit executives, board members, lawyers, accountants, and fund-raising professionals will find The Legal Answer Book for Nonprofit Organizations to be an indispensable resource. Now in its second edition, Nonprofit Resources is a handy reference tool for all nonprofit professionals. With more than a thousand entries pointing readers to a wide variety of references in the nonprofit field, this accessible guide will provide users with a running start on researching any topic. Unique, user-friendly, and compiled by industry experts, Nonprofit Resources will point readers to key information sources on dozens of topics ranging from accounting to lobbying to volunteers.

This thorough volume offers up-to-date information and practical guidelines for board members and executives of nonprofit organizations large and small. Among the topics addressed are the historical roots of the voluntary sector in America, a complete discussion of the key responsibilities of nonprofit boards, suggestions for board organization, appropriate protocol for meetings, legal issues affecting nonprofit groups, and useful tools for self-assessment. This guide will be indispensable to the almost two million nonprofit organizations existing in the United States today.

The nonprofit sector is a vital component of our society and is allowed the greatest freedom to operate. The public understandably assumes that since nonprofit organizations are established to do good, the people who run nonprofits are altruistic, and the laws governing nonprofits have reflected this assumption. But as Marion Fremont-Smith argues, the rules that govern how nonprofits operate are inadequate, and the regulatory mechanisms designed to enforce the rules need improvement. Despite repeated instances of negligent management, self-interest at the expense of the charity, and outright fraud, nonprofits continue to receive minimal government regulation. In this time of increased demand for corporate accountability, the need to strengthen regulation of nonprofits is obvious. Fremont-Smith addresses this need from a historical, legal, and organizational perspective. She combines summaries and analysis of the substantive legal rules governing the behavior of charitable officers, directors, and trustees with descriptions of the federal and state regulatory schemes designed to enforce these rules. Her unique and

exhaustive historical survey of the law of nonprofit organizations provides a foundation for her analysis of the effectiveness of current law and proposals for its improvement.

Everything you need to start and manage a non-profit Starting and Managing a Nonprofit Organization is written to help anyone who's just getting their toes wet in the sector get up to speed on the critical information needed to protect their nonprofit's tax-exempt status—and avoid the many legal traps out there that you probably didn't know exist. Packed with checklists and step-by-step guidance, Starting and Managing a Nonprofit Organization demystifies intricate legal issues with plain-English language explanations for non-legal professionals of the statutes, regulations, court opinions, and other rules comprising nonprofit law. Nonprofits must comply with stringent federal and state laws due to their special exempt status; the government's ultimate threat is revocation of a nonprofit's tax-exempt status, which usually means the nonprofit's demise. Written in plain English, not "legalese," this all-important guide provides essential guidance for those interested in starting nonprofits, as well as valuable advice for leaders of established organizations. Covers all aspects of federal and state nonprofit law Discusses significant contemporary issues, including commerciality, private benefit, governance, and unrelated business Provides summaries of current IRS ruling policies Includes procedures and a glossary of legal terms for fail-safe compliance Written by the country's legal leading authority on tax-exempt organizations, Starting and Managing a Nonprofit Organization is the reference you'll want to keep close by as you navigate your way through the world of nonprofit and the law.

A quick-hitting professional resource of 48 core legal and financial principles for anyone sitting on a nonprofit board. The 24 legal questions and 24 financial questions provide nonprofit leaders with a framework for understanding the key issues that are likely to affect their current or future roles in the nonprofit sector.

A complete analysis of the law, practices, and trends of nonprofit governance from two of the nation's leading lawyers on the law of tax-exempt organizations Recent scandals in the charitable sector as well as the adoption of a myriad of nonprofit best practices and guidelines have created a need and demand for better governance of nonprofits. In Nonprofit Governance, renowned author Bruce R. Hopkins and his law partner, Virginia Gross, share their combined decades of legal expertise to provide a comprehensive, authoritative examination of the law, practices, and trends of nonprofit governance. In this comprehensive, one-stop resource, Hopkins and Gross deftly summarize the law that exists and explain and evaluate the many good governance principles that have been promulgated. Nonprofit Governance helps leaders and managers of nonprofit organizations, and their lawyers, accountants, and advisors, to: Understand the legal backdrop for nonprofit governance Sift through the numerous good governance principles and guidelines Select the ones that most appropriately apply to their particular organization Devise suitable policies and procedures Improve their operations and effectiveness Undertake a comprehensive governance legal audit Be in a position to file Forms 990 that cast them in the best possible light regarding nonprofit governance Nonprofit Governance is a must-read for anyone facing good governance decisions in a nonprofit organization and is lost in the maze of conflicting principles, ever-increasing policies and procedures, murky law, and the intensity of the IRS in insisting on adoption of various principles in the absence of legal requirements for them.

As the number and size of nonprofit organizations continues to grow, NFPs are coming under ever-increasing government scrutiny. Soon Congress will require that nonprofits comply with rigorous accounting and governance standards very similar to those set forth for for-profits in the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. If you work for a nonprofit and are concerned about meeting impending changes to tax and finance standards governing NFPs this book is for you. In simple, straight-forward language, this guide demystifies the often perplexing world of nonprofit governance in the age of Sarbanes-Oxley. Author, Jill Gilbert Welytok, an attorney who heads the Sarbanes-Oxley division of a major Midwest law firm, walks you step-by-step through the process of evaluating your governance structures. She arms you with tips and strategies for adopting uniform standards under current governance and tax laws, while preparing you for any upcoming changes. She shows you how to protect your tax status and reassure donors and volunteers while staying true to your organization's mission. And she fills you in on what you need to know to: Comply with state laws and regulations Get and keep tax-exempt status Avoid lawsuits and other legal landmines Handle the media Anticipate future trends Make sense of the Sarbanes-Oxley act Including sample nonprofit bylaws and a complete audit committee report, Nonprofit Law & Governance for Dummies, Second Edition is an indispensable survival tool for 21st century nonprofits.

A Nonprofit Lawyer By: Bruce R. Hopkins "You're a what?" As a nonprofit lawyer, Bruce R. Hopkins has heard that reaction more than a few times, but it still makes him smile. A practicing lawyer for more than five decades, Hopkins is a nationally recognized leader concerning the laws and regulations pertaining to nonprofit organizations. These organizations face a dizzying number of requirements both for gaining recognition of tax exemption from the IRS and filing annual information returns to continue to justify that status. Lucky for them, lawyers like Hopkins are there to help. A Nonprofit Lawyer is one part crash course in nonprofit law and one part autobiography, telling the story of how Hopkins initially stumbled into nonprofit law and how he has become a prolific author and speaker on the subject while also maintaining a busy practice. Anyone interested in specific applications of nonprofit law or just looking for an interesting read about a passionate specialist will find plenty to like in these pages.

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The current fashion for rolling back the state has seen the nonprofit or third sector playing an increasing role in what were previously the heartlands of the public sphere. The growing significance of the sector and its increasing reliance on public funds mean it has also attracted increased scrutiny. From outside the sector concerns have been raised about the accountability and performance of nonprofit organizations. From within the sector there has been considerable debate about whether the increased reliance on government contracts is in danger of undermining the sector's independence. As a result the spotlight has fallen on governance arrangements and whether they are adequate to ensure that nonprofit organizations are effective and accountable for their actions, and able to retain their independence. This collection offers a comprehensive assessment of research on the governance of nonprofit organizations. Nonprofit governance research has been dominated by the study of boards of unitary organizations and has paid insufficient attention to the multi-level nature of governance, governance relationships and dynamics, and the contribution of actors other than board members, to governance

processes. Drawing on the research of leading scholars in the US, UK, Canada and Australia, this book presents new perspectives on non-profit governance, which help to overcome these weaknesses. Written in an accessible manner the book will be of value to scholars, researchers, students, reflective practitioners and governance consultants and advisers.

Finally! Board member orientation truly simplified. Serving on a nonprofit board can be an incredibly rewarding experience for the properly prepared board member. This book is for the generous and busy people who agree to give of their time and talents by serving on nonprofit boards. Nonprofit boards often fail to do a good job of board member orientation for a variety of reasons. It takes a significant amount of time and effort to plan and conduct quality board member orientation programs, and every time a new board member arrives, it's time to do it again! Because of the challenges associated with providing quality board member orientation, many nonprofit organizations do not do it at all, leaving their board members to wing it. This book provides help and support to the truly great men and women serving on nonprofit boards whose service makes a positive difference in the lives of countless people every day. This book is a concise and appropriately comprehensive guide to nonprofit board service designed especially for new board members. It is a quick read, (about one hour), yet it addresses with accuracy the most significant elements of board service, such as mission, responsibility, duty, risk, liability, and board meeting dynamics. Hooey Alerts! Watch for Hooey Alerts! where the author identifies and dispels common myths and legends about nonprofit board service. There are many sources of false or misleading information about the nonprofit board service environment. A perfect example is the often vaguely-worded and intimidating assertion or implication that the Sarbanes-Oxley Act passed by Congress in 2002 applies to nonprofit organizations in a manner similar to how it applies to publicly-traded companies. (It does not.) Reviews "This book is the perfect guide for every nonprofit board member! Concise, highly informative, and loaded with nuggets of wisdom, it's a must read that will take board members to the next level of successful board governance." -- J. Todd Chasteen, General Counsel, Samaritan's Purse "Mike Batts has put his quarter century of advising and serving on nonprofit boards to good use in this accurate and easy-to-read book. In addition to describing major principles of nonprofit law and governance, the book provides helpful questions to guide board members in understanding the practical applications of the concepts discussed. While geared primarily toward helping new board members get up to speed quickly, it should also help veteran board members discharge their stewardship roles wisely and efficiently." -- Chuck Hartman, Associate Professor of Business Law and Accounting, Cedarville University "This book, Board Member Orientation, is exactly what a busy volunteer board member needs. The board member's duties are presented in a clear and concise manner from the perspective of someone who has been around many boards. With a focus on those issues that are most common and/or most important, it is perfect for board member orientation and for quick reference reminders for the experienced board member." -- Doug Starcher, Partner, Broad & Cassel "This book provides clear, no-nonsense guidance on the basic issues for new nonprofit board members. Using this book for board member orientation will ensure your organization has communicated fundamental governance issues and will assist the board in determining risk management strategies." -- Dan Busby, President, ECFA

***** The Simple Board Member Orientation Process Using This Book: 1. Your board members read Chapters 1-9 of the book, which will provide them with insights regarding the key elements of nonprofit board service. 2. You provide the board members with copies of the documents described in Chapter 10 related to your organization. 3. You meet with your board members to discuss the unique attributes of your organization following the discussion questions provided in Chapter 10. Done!

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