

Overview

Experienced legal counsel plays a vital role in establishing and sustaining a successful nonprofit organization. Innovative strategies and thorough, timely advice can significantly advance your nonprofit's objectives.

Team up with the lawyers at Dentons. We understand the special demands and challenges faced by organizations like yours. We advise the directors and managers of charities, academic, health care and private foundations, and other nonprofit organizations.

As your nonprofit organization is formed and grows, we are there to advise you on the following:

- Formation, application and compliance
- Changing tax and other legislative requirements
- Corporate structuring and reorganization
- Corporate governance
- Mergers, joint ventures and affiliations
- Fundraising and charitable solicitation
- Treatment of endowments and planned giving programs
- Risk management, litigation and dispute resolution
- IRS examinations or audits
- Government affairs

This multidisciplinary group goes well beyond traditional legal services in assisting nonprofits, helping them extend their impact in the community. Our lawyers frequently serve as general counsel to nonprofits, and work directly with their board members and executive officers, assuring that they have the counsel and stewardship they need – today and for the long term.

In addition, the team has broad experience in addressing the legal and specific tax compliance needs of a variety of different types of tax-exempt organizations including:

- Public charities
- Religious organizations
- Private foundations (including private operating foundations)
- Social and civic organizations
- Quasi-governmental organizations
- Supporting organizations

- Public and private colleges and universities
- Trade groups
- health care organizations

No matter your need, we work alongside you to realize your goals and to integrate our multidisciplinary legal services with other services that are important to your nonprofit.

Representative Experience

- **Canadian purchaser:** Advising on 405 linocuts by Pablo Picasso worth \$20 million and the charitable donation of this highly significant art to an art gallery in Saskatchewan. Our advice covers issues relating to the purchase, export of the art from England and importation of the art into Canada, donation, transportation, insurance and taxation of this noteworthy donation, the largest in the province's history.
- **Harbottle & Lewis LLP:** Advising Comic Relief, a UK not-for-profit charitable company, on the matter of advertising online donations in Poland via television channels, internet website and text messaging. The matter required deep analysis of outdated Polish regulations, in particular the Act on Public Collections adopted in 1993, as well as creative thinking within the framework of an outdated regulatory environment.