

BOND EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS

Trusted Advisors to Nonprofits of All Shapes and Sizes

The attorneys of Bond's exempt organizations practice are trusted advisers to governing boards and nonprofit executive leaders across New York State and beyond. We provide counsel on nonprofit governance, compliance with New York State and federal tax and other laws and on navigating matters involving the oversight of the New York State Attorney General's office and other governmental agencies.

Our practice serves hundreds of nonprofit organizations ranging in size from small neighborhood organizations to large, complex entities such as hospitals and institutions of higher learning. Our client roster reflects a wide array of missions and constituencies that include:

- secondary and higher education institutions
- healthcare nonprofits
- arts and cultural organizations
- religious institutions
- family and children's service agencies
- scientific research organizations
- long-term care organizations
- counseling centers
- grant-making foundations
- disability advocacy groups
- family, community, development and preservation foundations
- business leagues and trade associations

We advise our nonprofit clients throughout all phases of their lifecycles, from formation and dissolution to mergers, affiliations and acquisitions. We prepare and review organizational documents, bylaws and policies and represent our clients in interactions with the Internal Revenue Service and the Charities Bureau of the Office of the Attorney General, in state and federal court proceedings involving governmental and private parties, before myriad state agencies and in contracting and other interactions with grant-makers, other nonprofits and businesses and the community at large. We routinely prepare, review and analyze legal agreements such as bank financing documents, employment and confidentiality agreements, contracts with service providers, donors and grantees, and leases to ensure compliance with the laws and regulations applicable to tax-exempt organizations and help our clients reach their goals.

We provide guidance on corporate governance and best practices for governing boards, including compliance with New York State's Nonprofit Revitalization Act, and legal delineations of director, officer and committee roles and responsibilities. Our attorneys also advise boards on the development of policies related to conflicts of interest, ethics, whistleblowing and record retention.

Beyond corporate governance, our team is equipped to handle the range of matters encountered by nonprofit organizations, providing advice and representation in key areas:

- advertising and sponsorships
- unrelated business income tax
- cause marketing
- certification and licensure
- charitable giving
- insurance
- legislative advocacy
- litigation
- regulatory advocacy and compliance
- tax planning

About Bond, Schoeneck & King

Bond serves individuals, companies and public-sector entities in a broad range of areas.

With 285 lawyers and 15 offices, we represent clients in higher education and other exempt and nonprofit organizations; manufacturing; agribusiness; commercial lending and real estate and construction; energy; health care and long term care; as well as municipalities and school districts. We maintain 10 offices across New York; and one each in Boston; Kansas City; Naples; West Palm Beach; and Red Bank, New Jersey.

Bond is committed to understanding our clients' needs and providing comprehensive, practical, high-quality and responsive solutions. We strive to maintain the highest professional and ethical standards, and to provide leadership in community activities, pro-bono work and service to the Bar.

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