

NON-PROFIT

Nonprofit organizations frequently encounter unique situations given their tax-exempt status. Our attorneys have a thorough understanding of the unique legal matters that can arise within foundations, membership associations, charities, museums, religious institutions, and other nonprofit organizations. Our deep experience and breadth of knowledge allows us to provide comprehensive and cost-effective counsel to nonprofit clients, no matter their size.

We frequently counsel nonprofit clients on matters relating to:

- Finance and governance
- Tax-exempt status
- Employment/Volunteer
- Intellectual property
- Fundraising, advertising, and sponsorships
- Contests, raffles, and sweepstakes
- Technology, e-commerce, and online privacy
- Contracts and vendor agreements
- Real estate and zoning
- Litigation

We take our nonprofit clients' missions to heart, understanding that our services allow them to serve their higher purpose in bettering our community. When faced with legal challenges, our attorneys work hand-in-hand with nonprofits to develop innovative solutions. We also make a concerted effort to advise nonprofits on preventative measures that could help thwart costly future legal actions.

Representative nonprofit matters include:

- Successfully defeated class certification against a large non-profit, stemming from a lawsuit brought by the plaintiff claiming that beer steins sold and marketed by the organization as "handcrafted in Germany" were manufactured in China.
- Concluded a two-phase transaction on behalf of Wildlands Conservancy in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Game Commission to acquire 3,860 acres of land from Blue Ridge Real Estate Company, including about seven miles of Lehigh River frontage, in Bear Creek & Buck Townships, Luzerne County.
- Represented a drug and alcohol treatment center in a successful expansion.
- Negotiated on behalf of a non-profit client that was chosen as a finalist in a grant contest by a major auto-racing company.
- Represented an early-childhood education advocacy group in obtaining a special exception related to real estate zoning, allowing the organization to operate its preschool program.
- Represented homeless shelter and treatment facility in successfully securing a modification of a condition to previous special exception so that the organization could expand its bed capacity for its emergency shelter and rehabilitation program.