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Bruce R. Hopkins

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Practice Area

Nonprofit Organizations

Specializing in the areas of corporate law and taxation, Bruce R. Hopkins' emphasis is on nonprofit organizations. His clients include charitable and educational organizations, associations, colleges, universities, hospitals, other health care providers, religious organizations, business and professional associations, and private foundations. Many nonprofit organizations retain Mr. Hopkins as general counsel; others use his services as special tax and/or fundraising counsel.

Nonprofit organizations work with Mr. Hopkins to establish and qualify for tax exemption and to establish and operate charitable and fundraising programs. Mr. Hopkins advises on matters such as public charity/private foundation qualification, intermediate sanctions, lobbying, political activities, the unrelated business income rules, and nonprofit involvement in partnerships and other joint ventures. Collateral areas of law, such as postal laws and charitable fundraising regulation, also come under Mr. Hopkins' watchful eye.

Career Highlights

Published extensive volumes on nonprofit and tax issues and is recognized as a national expert on the subject

2007 Recipient of the Outstanding Nonprofit Lawyer – Vanguard/Lifetime Achievement Award, American Bar Association, Nonprofit Corporations Committee

Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2007

AV Rated Martindale Hubbell

Activities

American Bar Association, Past Chair, Committee on Exempt Organizations, Section on Taxation

National Association of College and University Attorneys, Past Chair, Section of Taxation

Related Experience

Presenter at many annual conferences and seminars

Past Chair (for 12 years), Georgetown University Law Center annual conference on the law of tax-exempt organizations

Professional Lecturer in Law, George Washington National Law Center, 1972-91

Publications and Presentations

Author of 17 books, including: *The Law of Tax-Exempt Organizations* (9th ed. 2007); *Planning Guide for the Law of Tax-Exempt Organizations: Strategies and Commentaries* (2004); *The Tax Law of Charitable Giving* (3rd ed. 2005); *The Law of Fundraising* (3rd ed. 2002); *The Tax Law of Unrelated Business for Nonprofit Organizations* (2005); *The Tax Law of Associations* (2006); *The Nonprofits' Guide to Internet Communications Law* (2003); *The Law of Intermediate Sanctions: A Guide for Nonprofits* (2003); *Nonprofit Law Made Easy* (2005); *Charitable Giving Law Made Easy* (2006); *Starting and Managing a Nonprofit Organization: A Legal Guide* (4th ed. 2005); and *650 Essential Nonprofit Law Questions Answered* (2005)

Publications and Presentations (continued)

Co-author of four books, including: *Private Foundations: Tax Law and Compliance* (2nd ed. 2003), *The Law of Tax-Exempt Healthcare Organizations* (2nd ed. 2001)

Author of the monthly newsletter, *Bruce R. Hopkins' Nonprofit Counsel*

Founder of one day seminars on tax-exempt organization law, Professional Education Systems Institute, LLC

Education

LL.M., Taxation, George Washington University, 1971

J.D., George Washington University, 1967

B.A., University of Michigan, 1964

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia, 1969

Missouri, 1999