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## **Fundraising by Nonprofits**

#### Our attorneys help nonprofits with:

- » Documentation of donations
- » Charitable solicitation
- » Restricted gifts
- » Event fundraising
- » Corporate sponsorship
- » Cause marketing
- » Raffles and auctions
- » Financial disclosure rules
- » Fundraising contracts

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Nonprofits raise funds from a variety of sources, including foundations, corporations, the government, and individuals. Expanded methods of fundraising, including special events and the internet, have opened up innovative avenues to support the important work of nonprofit organizations. Legal assistance enables organizations' fundraising activities to operate effectively and in compliance with federal, state, and local laws.

**Friends of P.S. 15** was formed four years ago by parents, teachers, alumni, and community members to support P.S. 15 (the Patrick F. Daly School) and its community of Red Hook, Brooklyn. The group has been active in fundraising and promoting the school's vision of diversity and community-based education. Friends of P.S. 15 has undertaken fundraising activities to help establish the school library, support dual-language programming and the social studies curriculum, build partnerships with arts and cultural groups, and aid in Hurricane Sandy relief efforts. Volunteer attorneys from Dechert LLP are assisting Friends of P.S. 15 with incorporating as a New York not-for-profit corporation, preparing its applications for federal, state, and local tax exemptions, and drafting bylaws and a conflict of interest policy.

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#### **Program Tip**

Before engaging the services of a professional fundraiser (PFR) or fundraising counsel (FC), obtain a written statement from the PFR/FC that it is registered and current in its filings with the Charities Bureau of the NY Attorney General's Office. Confirm its registration status by contacting the Charities Bureau's Albany office.

### Web Tip

The Funds chapter of Lawyers Alliance's Charting the Course: Legal Help for Nonprofits in Troubled Times includes legal, practical strategies for preserving and increasing revenues. The Executive Summary is available for free at www.lawyersalliance.org/publications.php.



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