

Charitable and Public Purpose Organizations



With deep roots in the Chattanooga community, Chambliss has long worked to advise nonprofit and tax-exempt organizations in regards to all aspects of business. Nonprofit organizations, large and small, seek Chambliss for the firm's expertise, commitment to the industry and community, and multidisciplinary approach.

Chambliss lawyers work to partner with nonprofit clients to design and implement cost-effective strategies that address both legal and practical needs, so that clients can continue the effective pursuit of their missions and charitable purposes. The firm's representation of nonprofit organizations is wide-ranging. Lawyers counsel nonprofits on a variety of matters, including:

- Incorporating and applying for tax-exempt status
- Addressing board and governance issues
- Assisting in the preparation of information returns (such as Form 990)
- Advising concerning charitable solicitation registration requirements and fundraising issues
- Providing general tax-related guidance

Experience

Our attorneys provide customized counsel to an array of organizations, including:

Related Services

- Audit Counsel: PPP Loans and Other Investigations
- Charitable and Public Purpose Organizations
- Tax

Related People

- Shelton Swafford Chambers, CPA
- Laura McKinney
- Kirby Waddell Yost
- Brenda Hodges Binder
- Amy B. Boulware
- William P. Aiken
- James "Jim" L. Catanzaro, Jr.
- J. Nelson Irvine
- Michael N. St. Charles
- Calvin "Cal" B. Marshall, Jr.
- Eric J. Stocking
- Lisa M. Kiner
- J. Mitchell "Mitch" Barton

Developed architecture for and established nonprofit "health system" with parent and subsidiary and affiliate, supporting organization relationships

Guided nonprofit public charity in dissolution and distribution of assets process and obtained favorable outcome from required Tennessee Attorney General Oversight

Counseled nonprofit health provider in planning for and executing acquisitions in multiple states and addressed state nonprofit, IRS, licensing, Medicare, and CON issues

Worked with public, quasi-governmental service provider to effectively address open record, open meeting concerns and addressed complex state governing body relationship issues

Served as local counsel for tax exempt bond issues

Achieved property tax resolutions with State Board of Equalization

Helped client obtain re-classification of public charity tax status

Formed and organized public charities and private foundations under state law and assisted with application for and obtaining exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code

Designed and executed process by which to re-purpose and help re-invigorate nonprofit organization