



Washington DC Metro Area Chapter Roundtable Discussion

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Legal Issues Facing Nonprofits “I wish I could ask a lawyer”

Join attorney Paige Conner Totaro from Washington Area Lawyers for the Arts in a roundtable focusing on some of the various legal issues that nonprofits face on a regular basis.

Bring your questions and experiences to share as we explore such topics as deciding what should go in your Bylaws versus a Policy Manual, or when it might be appropriate for a nonprofit to consider copyrighting its logo, its name or its program names. If your nonprofit is ever sued by someone, what's the first thing you should, and what's the first thing you shouldn't do? Is it more effective to have an attorney on your board or simply to have counsel for the organization? What are the pros and cons of each approach? If a major donor doesn't want to pay his/her capital pledge, do you have any legal recourse? What if you've already started to deliver recognition benefits? What can nonprofits do to protect themselves against unnecessary risks or liability?

Come and join your colleagues in a lively conversation with an expert.

Paige Conner Totaro, Esq. is an attorney practicing in the fields of entertainment law, intellectual property protection, and business organization. Ms. Totaro's clients include filmmakers, musicians, record labels, visual artists and creative people and organizations from Washington, D.C. and around the world. She frequently lectures on legal topics for creative professionals. Ms. Totaro serves on the Board of Directors of **Washington Area Lawyers for the Arts**, an organization with which she is also active as a Volunteer Attorney. In 2000, she was elected to WALA's "Wall of Fame" in recognition of her contributions to the organization. She is a member of the Virginia and District of Columbia Bars, and is active in the DC Bar Section on Arts, Entertainment, & Sports Law.

Ms. Totaro is also a founding partner of Misra, an independent record label, and serves on the board of Transformer, a non-profit artist-centered arts organization that seeks to connect and promote emerging artists within regional, national and international contexts.

Reservations:

- RSVP via email with subject line "RSVP for Roundtable" at info@afpdc.org by Friday, April 25, 2008. Please include your contact information.
- Limit 30 attendees per session.
- If you cannot attend, please cancel your reservation at least 24 hours in advance.
- **Roundtable discussions are free and open to AFP/DC members only.**

Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Place: Voices of America's Children
1000 Vermont Ave, NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20005

Time: Metro: McPherson Square, Vermont Avenue Exit (Blue/Orange Line), or Farragut North (Red Line)
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

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