

# Pfizer Strategic Legal Thinking Seminars for Nonprofit Executives



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## SPECIAL EVENTS: What Are the Legal Issues Your Nonprofit Needs to Know?

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Gala dinners, walk-a-thons, local and national service days, concerts, conferences and other special events can raise funds and increase awareness and excitement for your organization's work. They are also a helpful strategy to recognize existing donors and reach additional supporters. Hosting a successful special eventone that meets your participation and financial goals - requires significant time, energy and planning, as well as a careful consideration of relevant legal issues.

This Strategic Legal Thinking seminar will review the legal issues that your organization may face in connection with its next special event. Your organization will need to know the state requirements that apply to organizations that solicit donations in connection with the event or hold gaming activities such as raffles and casino nights. It should understand the IRS rules for when participants may claim a tax deduction for cash or in-kind gifts made in connection with the event, and when and how you can recognize event sponsors without running afoul of IRS rules. It will discuss the compensation, contract and other legal questions your organization may encounter when dealing with employees, contractors or special event volunteers. The seminar will cover these topics and present information about how to help ensure that nothing happens that could cause liability for your organization. We also will hear from an experienced nonprofit executive about some of the practical issues that arise in connection with planning and hosting special events.

This seminar is designed for executive directors, fundraising professionals, board members, and other nonprofit staff and volunteers responsible for planning special events.

## Program (all times are Eastern Time)

Registration and Networking
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Welcome and Opening Remarks
Complying with State Charitable Solicitation Rules
Tracy Boak, Of Counsel, Perlman & Perlman LLP
Managing Employees, Contractors and Special Event Volunteers
Judith Moldover, Sr. Staff Attorney, Lawyers Alliance for New York
Understanding the IRS Rules Regarding Tax Deductibility and Donor
Acknowledgement
Elizabeth Guggenheimer, Deputy Executive Director, Lawyers
Alliance for New York (also Moderator)
Lunch
Corporate Sponsorships and Engagement—The IRS's Rules of the Road
Anne Gerson, Carter Ledyard & Milburn LLP
Managing Risk and Minimizing Injury
Regina Hopkins, Asst. Director, D.C. Bar Pro Bono Program
Best Practices for Planning and Holding Special Events
Erika Byrnes, Principal, Erika Byrnes Consulting
Questions
Adjournment

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