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J. Patrick Plunkett is a 1973 cum laude graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School, and holds a B.A. in History from the University of Minnesota. From 1981 to 1989, Pat was an adjunct Professor of Law at William Mitchell College of Law where he taught courses in Nonprofit Organizations, Corporate Finance, and Advanced Corporate Law. Since 1989, Pat has been an instructor in legal issues and concerns for nonprofit and tax-exempt organizations at the Opus College of Business at the University of St. Thomas. He is also an adjunct professor at the University of St. Thomas School of Law.

Associations and Professional Organizations

Between 1984 and 1991, Pat served as Chair of the Nonprofit Corporation's Subcommittee of the Minnesota State Bar Association Section on Business Law and was one of the principal drafters of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 317A, the Minnesota Nonprofit Corporation Act. He has served as Chair of the Executive Committee and Vice-Chair of the Governing Board of the Catholic Spirit Publishing Company; Chair of the Board of Trustees of Hennepin Theatre Trust; Chair of the Twin Cities Advisory Board of The Salvation Army; President of the Ramsey County Bar Association; President of the Attorney Referral Service of Ramsey County; Chair of the Minnesota Business Hall of Fame, and a member of the governing boards of Minnesota Continuing Legal Education, the Minnesota State Bar Association, the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce, the Midwest Society of Association Executives, United Arts, the St. Paul Athletic Club, and the Saint Paul Festival and Heritage Foundation.

Experience

Pat has provided legal advice to nonprofit and tax-exempt organizations for more than 40 years with respect to a wide variety of legal matters including compliance with applicable statutes, rules and regulations; adoption and amendments of Articles and Bylaws; applying for exempt status; Attorney General reviews and investigations; mergers and acquisitions; development of personnel policies; employee benefits; tax audits; lobbying restrictions; review and negotiation of commercial contracts; planned giving programs, acceptance of charitable contributions; investment policies; and tax-exempt financing.

Pat is the author of several articles relating to nonprofit and tax-exempt organizations and served as co-Editor of the Minnesota NonProfit DeskBook published by Minnesota Continuing Legal Education, and authored the Chapters of the DeskBook relating to Overview of Nonprofit Organizations, Charitable Contributions, Unrelated Business Income Tax, Membership Organizations, and Religious Organizations. For many years,

he served as legal advisor to the Legal-Ease newsletter serving Minnesota nonprofit organizations.

Pat has participated in numerous educational programs and symposium sponsored by Minnesota Continuing Legal Education, the Minnesota State Bar Association, the Ramsey County Bar Association, the Minnesota Institute on Legal Education, Hamline University, Minnesota Philanthropy Partners, Minnesota Planned Giving Council, the National Society of Fund Raising Executives, the Minnesota Society of Hospital Attorneys, the City of St. Paul, United Arts, United Way of Minneapolis, the Minnesota Council on Foundations, the Minnesota Council on Nonprofits, the University of St. Thomas, the National Business Institute, the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce Executives Association, the Minnesota Festival and Events Association, the Midwest Society of Association Executives, the Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants, the Twin Cities Financial and Estate Planning Councils, and the Center for Nonprofit Resources with respect to legal issues facing nonprofit and tax-exempt organizations. He also provides board training and other workshops for nonprofit organizations.

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