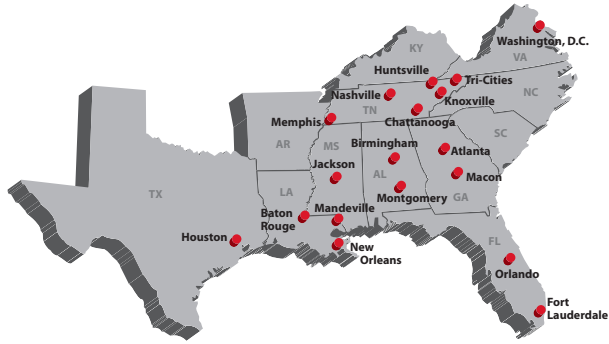


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Baker, Donelson recognizes that nonprofit corporations meet many important needs in our communities, but also have needs of their own. Some of these include a need for training for members of their Boards of Directors concerning their legal obligations and duties, for review of their basic legal documents to ensure they are in compliance with the latest corporate laws and best practices, and for Directors to be informed of protective measures they can implement to minimize personal liability as they seek to provide the best services they can for the charitable and community purposes of their organizations.

Our communities are home to thousands of nonprofit organizations working to address a wide range of human service, health, arts, education, environmental, animal and other needs through their staffs and volunteer boards. Each agency strives to serve its community as best it can, but all are faced with complicated and constantly changing compliance issues and legal requirements.

Most of these organizations have voluntary boards of directors who should be knowledgeable about IRS 501(c)(3) rules and reporting, Sarbanes-Oxley requirements, charitable solicitation law, whistleblower statutes, and document destruction rules. But most also have shoestring budgets and may therefore lack legal counsel, resulting in well-intentioned but risky and expensive guesses on important legal issues. Although a nonprofit may have lawyers on its board, that attorney may not be experienced in corporate governance issues. In order to help our community nonprofits meet these important needs, we formed the Baker Donelson Nonprofit Institute – a program in

which our attorneys provide these basic legal services on a pro bono basis, allowing nonprofit organizations to conserve valuable resources and apply those resources to meeting their goals.

Service Areas

Board Training

- Educate board members about the legal obligations, duties and liabilities of board membership Charter and Bylaw Review and Advice
- Review basic documents to ensure compliance with the latest corporate laws and best practices
- Recommend updates and revisions Director Liability Analysis and Protective Measures
- Analyze liability and advise of measures to minimize personal liability



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Howard H. Baker, Jr.

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