

University of Wisconsin Law School
Nonprofit and Philanthropic Organizations – Spring 2012
Professor Mark Sidel

Class Schedule

Nonprofit and Philanthropic Organizations will meet on Mondays from 3:30 to 5:30 pm in room 5229. We'll begin promptly at 3:30.

Office Hours and Contact

I am in room 6104 (6th floor). My office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 2:00 to 3:30 pm unless I post other hours. You are also welcome to come by at other times, or to email me. My email is sidel@wisc.edu.

Materials

We are using the following two materials for the course, supplemented by other materials I send out by email or provide in class:

1. Elizabeth Schmidt, Nonprofit Law: The Life Cycle of a Charitable Organization (Aspen, 2011) (“Schmidt coursebook” below).
2. *Iowa Principles and Practices for Charitable Nonprofit Excellence*, available online at <http://inrc.continuetolearn.uiowa.edu/updates/P&P2011.pdf>.

Schedule of Sessions and Readings

1. **Monday, January 23**

Course Overview and the Role, Nature, and History of Charitable Nonprofit Organizations in Wisconsin and the United States, their Constituencies and Missions

Readings:

Schmidt coursebook, pp. 3-20

Iowa Principles and Practices for Charitable Nonprofit Excellence, p. v (Table of Contents); pp. 1 – 5 (Principles and Practices; Preamble; Role of Charitable Nonprofit Organizations) and pp. 9 – 11 (Mission Statement), <http://inrc.continuetolearn.uiowa.edu/updates/P&P2011.pdf>

2. **Monday, January 30**

Charitable Nonprofit Organizations in Action:

Forming the Nonprofit in Wisconsin: Statutory Law, Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws

Readings:

Schmidt coursebook, pp. 35-40, 41-49, 62, 71, 84-86

Look at mission/vision statements on their websites of the Dane County United Way and several other nonprofit organizations of your choosing.

Donors Forum of Wisconsin, *Wisconsin Gives 2011*, available at http://www.dfwonline.org/images/2011%20Wisconsin%20Gives_Final%20Report.pdf

M-LINC, *Forming a New Nonprofit Organization*, available at <http://centerfornonprofits.wisc.edu/nonprofits/documents/MLINCNewNonprofit-GuidetoFormationandOngoingRequirements.pdf>

Iowa Principles and Practices for Charitable Nonprofit Excellence, pp. 5 – 9 (Starting the Charitable Nonprofit), <http://inrc.continuetolearn.uiowa.edu/updates/P&P2011.pdf>

Other useful materials:

Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 184 (Unincorporated Associations)
<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/184>

Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 181 (Nonstock Corporations)
<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/181>

Sample Wisconsin Articles of Incorporation:
http://www.wdfr.org/resources/indexed/site/corporations/form102_f.pdf

Sample Wisconsin Bylaws:
<http://www.wact.org/Documents/Bylaws%20Revised.pdf>
<http://www.wisconsinlakes.org/lakegroups/pdf/modelbylaws.pdf>

3. Monday, February 6

Description of kind of nonprofit to be created due
(one paragraph, by email to sidel@wisc.edu)

Role and Duties of Directors, Officers, CEOs (Executive Directors), and Members

Readings:

Schmidt coursebook, pp. 87-89, 100-103, 117-125, 135, 145-46

Iowa Principles and Practices for Charitable Nonprofit Excellence, pp. 13-20 (Board of Directors and Executive Director), <http://inrc.continuetolearn.uiowa.edu/updates/P&P2011.pdf>

4. Monday, February 13

Running the Organization:

Policies and Procedures, Management, Budget, Programming, and Strategic Planning

Readings:

Schmidt coursebook, pp. 441-443, 457-459, 461-464, 487

Iowa Principles and Practices for Charitable Nonprofit Excellence, pp. 11-13, 21-31, 34-37
(Strategic Planning; Human Resources; Funding; Communication; Collaboration),

<http://inrc.continuetolearn.uiowa.edu/updates/P&P2011.pdf>

No class Monday, February 20.

5. Monday, February 27**Mission statements due****Basic Issues of Nonprofit Taxation****Readings:**

Schmidt coursebook, pp. 147-165, 180-185 (terrorism), 211-213, 231-232, 245-251

Wisconsin case to be distributed later

Wisconsin: Sales and Use Tax and Nonprofit Organizations,

<http://www.revenue.wi.gov/faqs/pes/n-profit.html>

Wisconsin: Property Tax Exemption

Wisc. Stat. 70.11, at <http://docs.legis.wi.gov/statutes/statutes/70/11>

<http://www.revenue.wi.gov/ra/11sumrpt.pdf>, pp. 79-82

Wisconsin: Property Tax Exemption – The Nonprofit’s View

<http://wisconsinnonprofits.org/content/nonprofit-property-tax-exemption-position-statement-may-2010>

Additional syllabus covering readings after February 27 will be distributed later.