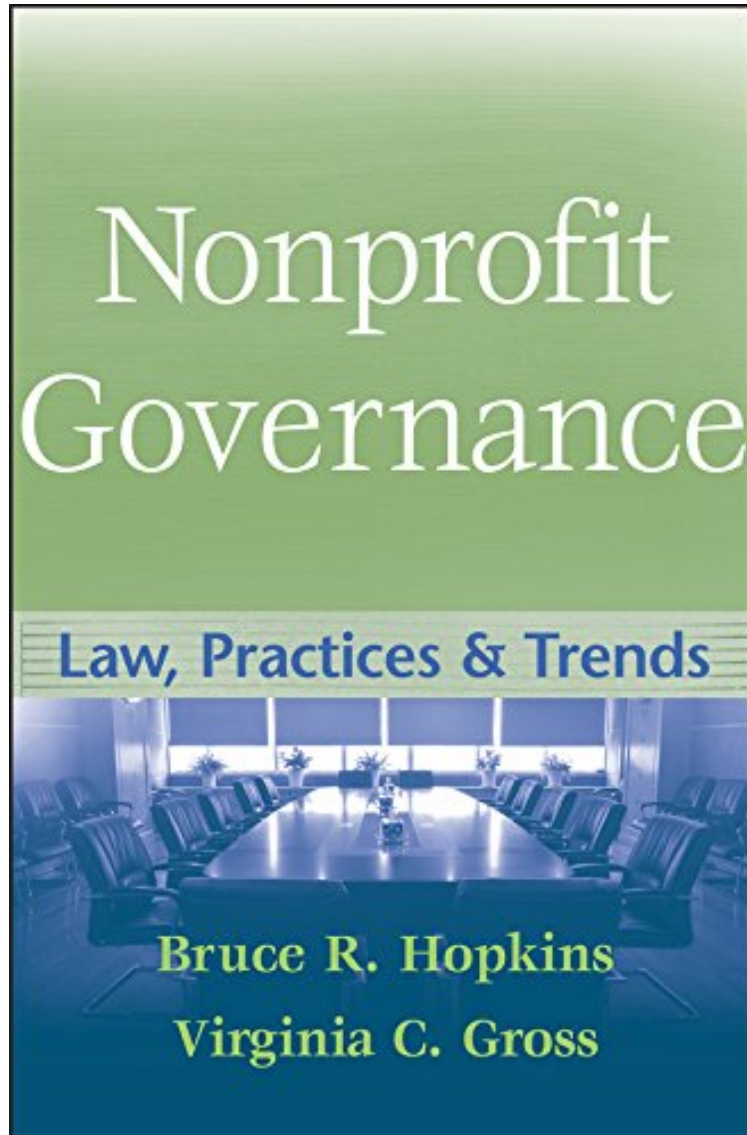


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A complete analysis of the law, practices, and trends of nonprofit governance from two of the nation's leading lawyers on the law of tax-exempt organizations. Recent scandals in the charitable sector as well as the adoption of a myriad of nonprofit best practices and guidelines have created a need and demand for better governance of nonprofits. In *Nonprofit Governance*, renowned author Bruce R. Hopkins and his law partner, Virginia Gross, share their combined decades of legal expertise to provide a comprehensive, authoritative examination of the law, practices, and trends of nonprofit governance. In this comprehensive, one-stop resource, Hopkins and Gross deftly summarize the law that exists and explain and evaluate the many good governance principles that have been promulgated. *Nonprofit Governance* helps leaders and managers of nonprofit organizations, and their lawyers, accountants, and advisors, to:

- Understand the legal backdrop for nonprofit governance
- Sift through the numerous good governance principles and guidelines
- Select the ones that most appropriately apply to their particular organization
- Devise suitable policies and procedures
- Improve their operations and effectiveness
- Undertake a comprehensive governance legal audit
- Be in a position to file Forms 990 that cast them in the best possible light regarding nonprofit governance

Nonprofit Governance is a must-read for anyone facing good governance decisions in a nonprofit organization and is lost in the maze of conflicting principles, ever-increasing policies and procedures, murky law, and the intensity of the IRS in insisting on adoption of various principles in the absence of legal requirements for them.

From the Inside Flap: Governance seems to be the subject that is perched atop every nonprofit lawyer's worry/wish list, despite the fact that there is not much law on the point, particularly at the federal level. This ascension in importance is largely due to the various organizations propounding best practices and principles for public charities and other forms of nonprofit organizations, the IRS's redesigned Form 990, the agency's aggressive push of certain good governance principles in the tax-exempt organizations' setting, and scandals brought to light by the Senate Finance Committee staff. Stemming from the authors' endless hours of meditating over the new Form 990 and sifting through the many (and often inconsistent) best practices principles, *Nonprofit Governance* fills the need for some cohesion in the realm of nonprofit governance by providing in-depth coverage and explanations of the laws, practices, and trends in this volatile area. An invaluable resource for nonprofit executives, officers, directors, nonprofit lawyers, accountants, members of boards of directors, and consultants, legal experts Bruce R. Hopkins and Virginia Gross's *Nonprofit Governance* brims with detailed documentation and references to regulations, rulings, cases, and tax literature (which includes current articles and tax law review notes). Here, readers will find a wealth of clarifying information on:

- Federal and state law fundamentals
- Board member responsibilities and liability
- Nonprofit governance principles
- Nonprofit governance issues
- Application of the private benefit doctrine
- Governance and the redesigned Form 990
- Recommended policies and procedures
- Governance case studies
- Governance legal audit
- A law primer for nonprofit board members
- And much more

The book includes an exhaustive index, Internal Revenue Code citations and numerous case studies, tips, forms, and checklists to round out the authoritative coverage. *Nonprofit Governance* is an indispensable guide to, and through, all of the governance policymaking that is unfolding, to improve the management of nonprofit organizations as well as to help organizations be in compliance with nonprofit governance law.

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