

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

OVERVIEW

The BCLP's Religious Organizations Team provides legal counsel to a wide variety of churches, church denominations, religious educational institutions and other religious organizations. Our interdisciplinary team of attorneys provides responsive and cost-effective assistance tailored to the unique needs and objectives of our religious organization clients.

Our Experience

We can provide assistance on a wide range of issues, including:

- Corporate formation, governance and reorganizations
- Tax exempt status issues and planning
- Employment law issues and volunteer liability
- Employee benefits
- Child protection policies and controversies
- First Amendment and religious accommodations
- Trademarks, copyrights, patents and other intellectual property matters, including licensing
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Reorganizations and dissolutions; restructuring and bankruptcy
- Regulatory and reporting issues
- Partnerships, joint ventures, cooperatives, commercial co-ventures and other strategic alliances
- International operations, transactions and registrations
- Debt issues, tax-exempt bond financing and other loan transactions
- Government funding

- Fundraising matters
- Publishing and media activities
- Litigation and alternative dispute resolution proceedings
- Real estate acquisitions, mortgages, leases and environmental compliance
- Data protection, transfer and privacy strategies

Our Clients

A partial list of our faith-based clients includes:

- Association of Christian Schools International
- Awana Clubs International
- Christian Care Ministry
- Compassion International
- ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians
- Greenville College
- Moody Bible Institute
- Outreach Community Ministries
- Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, Inc.
- Tyndale House
- Wheaton College
- World Vision

Our Involvement

Attorneys who work on our Religious Organizations Team are also active as speakers, writers, and members of organizations that serve religious organizations. These include:

- Association of Christian Schools International
- Christian Legal Society

- Council for Christian Colleges & Universities

MEET THE TEAM



Christian Mark Poland

Partner, Chicago

christian.poland@bclplaw.com

[+1 312 602 5085](tel:+13126025085)

RELATED PRACTICE AREAS

- Non Profit Organizations
- Tax & Private Client

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Current and Deferred Giving Experience
- First Amendment and Religious Accommodations Experience

RELATED INSIGHTS

News

Jul 09, 2020

Poland in 'Law360' and Wolters Kluwer on SCOTUS Decision Involving Ministerial Exception