

Brad Bedingfield

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Practice Focus

Brad works extensively with non-profit organizations, navigating tax, regulatory, and governance matters, guiding charities and other non-profits through formation, reorganizations, mergers, affiliations, and dissolution, and advising on innovative use of charitable assets, including social impact bonds and other forms of impact investing.

Brad also provides planning advice for international and domestic families, including structured charitable giving, estate planning and lifetime gifting strategies, and coordination of tax and legal requirements for cross-border families.

Brad has over a decade of private practice with national firms and also previously worked as a tax law specialist with the Exempt Organizations Division of the IRS in Washington, D.C. He currently serves as Co-chair of the Boston Bar Association Tax Exempt Organization Section and is member of the Professional Advisory Board of CAF America and the Professional Advisors Network of the Boston Foundation. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and Vice Chair of the Boston Chapter of the international Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners.

Before his legal career, Brad obtained advanced degrees in English language and literature and taught medieval literature at universities in the United Kingdom, Japan, and the United States.

Representative Clients

- Helped establish first pay-for-success bond to include donor-advised funds as investors
- Developed donor-advised fund program for community foundation
- Negotiated first non-judicial settlement agreement involving charitable organizations and the Office of the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- Negotiated terms of endowment fund with City of Boston for maintenance of city park

Legal Services

Estate Planning,
Probate & Trust
Government Law
Nonprofit
Representation
Tax Planning and
Reporting

Education

JD, Columbia Law School, (Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar; Andrew D. Fried Memorial Prize; Articles Editor, *Columbia Journal of European Law*; Articles Editor, *Columbia Journal of Transnational Law*)

DPhil, Oxford University (English Language and Literature)

MSt, Oxford University (Research Methods in English)

MA, University of Georgia (English Literature)

BA, University of Georgia (Drama and English)

Bar Admissions

Massachusetts

- Assisted family with highly appreciated post-IPO stock dispose of stock in tax efficient manner, including combination of gifts to charitable remainder unitrusts, private foundations, and public charities
- Advised on cross-border estate and trust planning for family with connections in the U.S., Europe, and the Middle East

Accolades

- Named to the Massachusetts *Super Lawyers* Rising Star List

Brad Bedingfield's Comments on Social Impact Investing

"Philanthropists, charities, and socially minded companies are seeking increasingly innovative ways to leverage the impact of social investments. Effective solutions require careful balancing of individual investment goals, community impact, and legal and governmental constraints. Helping clients align these disparate concerns to find new ways to further their personal and charitable goals is incredibly rewarding."

Memberships

American Bar Association

Boston Bar Association

Massachusetts Bar Association