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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. 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
- 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

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

Accolades

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

Selected Activities

- Fellow, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC)
- Member, Subcommittee to Review the Uniform Trust Decanting Act for Enactment in Massachusetts
- Vice President of Boston Chapter, Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP)
- Co-chair, Tax Exempt Organizations Section, Boston Bar Association
- Co-Chair, Public Policy Committee, Trusts & Estates Section, Boston Bar Association
- Advisory Board Member, CAF America
- Professional Advisors Network, The Boston Foundation
- Brad speaks and writes frequently on topics pertaining to nonprofit organizations, charitable planning, domestic and international estate planning, and impact investing

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