



Blumbergs' Charity Law Boot Camp:

A one day boot camp on compliance and standards issues for Canadian charities

When and Where:

Thursday, April 18, 2013 from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

**At Oakham House at Ryerson - 55 Gould St. Toronto,
ON M5B 1E9**

How to Register:

For registration information see:

<http://charitylawbootcamp.eventbrite.com/> or

http://www.globalphilanthropy.ca/index.php/blog/comments/blumbergs_charity_law_boot_camp_in_toronto_-_april_18_2013/

Agenda

INTRODUCTION – Should we incorporate, should we be a registered charity?		
8:30	Light breakfast	
8:45	Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-sponsors. logistics-importance of charity sector-why legal and ethical issues are important.
9:10 – 10:00	What are you trying to accomplish?	There are many ways to make this world a better place, not just being a charity
	What is the difference between a for-profit, non-profit and registered charity?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Advantages and disadvantages of using each form.What is a charity?
	Should we incorporate?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">There are advantages and disadvantages of incorporation. What are costs of incorporation – and what information do you need to know
10:00	Should we apply for registered charity status?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The good and bad of being a registered charity and some of the problems and roadblocks. with applications. What information do we require to apply for charitable status?
10:45	Break	
OPERATING A CHARITY		
11:00	Bringing in the money – fundraising, government funds and earned income/business income	Rules on fundraising including CRA's guidance on fundraising, issues with government funds and restrictions on businesses that charities can carry out.

		With greater emphasis on “social enterprise” there is increasing pressure on charities to consider various revenue generation possibilities but charities need to be aware the restrictions
12:00	Lunch	
12:45	Q&A on morning session etc.	
1:00	Receipting	One of the most important advantages of being a registered charity is the ability to issue receipts. According to CRA most charities when audited were found to be not receipting correctly. We will discuss the rules around receipting and common mistakes
2:00	Break	
2:10	T3010 and Transparency Books and Records Internal Controls Insurance	The T3010 Registered Charity Information Return needs to be filed by registered charities every year or they risk deregistration. As well in Budget 2012 CRA can suspend a charities receipting privileges if the charity has not properly completed the T3010. Charities also need to keep adequate books and record. Charities should also have appropriate internal controls to protect property and funds. There is a dizzy array of insurance out there – what is really needed?

ADVANCED – Collaboration, Foreign Activities, Political Activities, New Corporate Acts

3:00	Collaboration between charities, Funding and Dealing with groups who are not registered charities in Canada or abroad	There are various options for dealing with other organizations depending on whether they are registered charities or not. If you want to work with a good non-profit in Toronto that is not a registered charity or a foreign entity, one needs to understand the CRA rules on dealing with intermediaries and foreign activity. US concepts such as ‘fiscal sponsorship’ are not allowed in
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		Canada, If you want to transfer funds to a group that is not a charity you need structured arrangements with 'direction and control'.
3:30	Break	
3:40	Political Activities	Charities who want impact often find that being engaged in the political process is important. There are rules on how much and what type of activities Canadian charities can do. In short you can do a lot, but not everything. Separate the hype from the reality.
4:00	Governance and the New Corporate Acts	Federal non-profit corporations will need to consider continuing under the new Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (and Ontario non-profit corporations will want to bring their corporate documents into alignment with the new ONCA.)
5:00	Discussion, Q&A and Conclusion	

Timing and content is subject to change.

Questions?

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