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Jeffrey M. Hurwit is founder of the law firm Hurwit & Associates of Newton, Massachusetts, which provides comprehensive legal counsel exclusively to tax-exempt organizations, foundations and charitable donors. Clients include educational, health, human service, environmental, arts, advocacy, and professional organizations throughout the US and abroad. He is Of Counsel to the Boston-based law firm of Burns & Levinson LLP.



Mr. Hurwit served four years as an Assistant Attorney General in the Public Charities Division of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, which oversees nonprofit organizations in the Commonwealth, was a staff attorney for WGBH Educational Foundation, concentrating in the areas of contract and intellectual property law, and was Chairman of the Nonprofit Organization Committee of the Massachusetts Bar Association.

As an Assistant Attorney General, one of Mr. Hurwit's main responsibilities was the legal and financial oversight of charitable trusts. He oversaw Cy Pres proceedings (the re-dedication of charitable funds) of approximately \$75 million held in charitable trust and oversaw the review of \$300 million held in municipal charitable trust funds.

Currently emphasized areas of counsel include nonprofit mergers and collaborations, nonprofit/for-profit structures and conversions, the taxation of unrelated business income, and governing board structure and responsibilities. Mr. Hurwit speaks frequently on nonprofit legal and organizational issues including most recently: Nonprofit Governance, Commercial Activities for Tax-Exempt Organizations, Effective Endowment Stewardship, and Emerging Nonprofit Business Models.

In 1978, Mr. Hurwit received a B.A. magna cum laude from Duke University in Middle East Studies. He received a J.D. from Boston University School of Law and became a member of the Massachusetts Bar in 1982.

Articles and Publications

- "Unrelated Business Income Taxation: A Food and Facilities Tax Primer", The Complete Guide to Foodservice in Cultural Institutions, John Wiley & Sons, 2002
- "Giving Yawkey funds wisely likely harder than buying team (February 22-28, 2002) Op. Ed.," Boston Business Journal

Speaking and Teaching Engagements

- "Starting a Nonprofit Organization," May 12, 2004, hosted by Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.
- "Nonprofit Law: Current Legal and Governance Issues," March 31, 2004, hosted by the Technical Development Corporation.
- "Nonprofit Law: Critical Issues and Common Questions," November 13, 2002, 9:30-12:30, sponsored by the Training Institute of the Technical Development Corporation, 31 Milk Street, Boston, Massachusetts, www.tdcorp.org, (617) 728-9151
- "Tax, Legal, and Ethical Concerns for Private Foundations," October 23, 2003, a trustee leadership conference of the Association of Small Foundations. The conference was attended by trustees of 85 foundations.
- "Starting a Nonprofit Organization" July 10, 2002, Technical Development Corporation
- "Essential Legal Issues for Nonprofit Organizations," April 26, 2002, Technical Development Corporation
- "Trends in Charitable Giving and Emerging Philanthropic Vehicles," April 12, 2002, Lexington Advisors Investment Forum
- "Emerging Nonprofit Business Models" and "A Practical Approach to Liability Prevention," Tax-Exempt Organizations in Massachusetts, February 7, 2002, a Lorman Education Services Seminar

News Quotes

- Jeffrey Hurwit was quoted in the article, ["Five Tips for Keeping a Small Charity out of Legal Hot Water"](#) by Rebecca Gardyn on August 12, 2004 in The Chronicle of Philanthropy.
- Jeffrey Hurwit was quoted in the article, ["Ficano probes no-bid deals,"](#) by Paul Egan in The Detroit News on June 22, 2003.
- Jeffrey Hurwit is quoted in, ["Cooke's Son Challenges Executors' Price Tag"](#) by Ian Shapira (Washington Post, Saturday September 14, 2002).
- Jeffrey Hurwit was quoted in ["Advice on Foundation Program-Officer Jobs"](#), Chronicle of Philanthropy, July 25, 2002, Alison Stein Wellner.