

LEGAL SERVICES FOR YOUR MINISTRY



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TRUSTED ADVISERS WITH SERIOUS EXPERIENCE...

The Church & Ministry Law Group at Gallagher & Kennedy provides legal services to faith-based organizations and secular charities located throughout the United States. Our legal team represents some of the country's fastest growing ministries, helping them honor their cherished religious traditions while complying with the law.

The Church & Ministry Law Group was created to help religious organizations protect precious resources, expand their ministries and honor their faith in an increasingly complex and litigious regulatory environment.

Bob Brown developed the *Campus Preservation Planning™* process to protect critical ministry resources against unjust claims which are uninsured, uninsurable or under insured. This unique process has been used in churches and para-church ministries in various states including Arizona, California, Nebraska, Illinois, Minnesota, and North Carolina.

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS INCLUDE:

- Christ Church of the Valley
- Dream City Church
- Scottsdale Bible Church
- Scottsdale Christian Academy
- Alongside Ministries Prison Transition Ministry
- America's Christian Credit Union
- Hillsong International
- La Casa de Cristo Lutheran Church
- Phoenix Rescue Mission
- East Side Christian Church Anaheim
- Arizona Ministry Network
- Streetlight USA

CHURCH & MINISTRY LAW GROUP LEADERSHIP



Robert Erven Brown, Esq.

Over the past two decades Bob has represented hundreds of church, para-church and nonprofit organizations. He incorporates best practices, revises and updates governing documents and provides general commercial advice. Previously certified by the Arizona State Bar Association as a specialist in real estate law, he has over four decades of legal experience in real estate construction and lending, leasing, campus development, board training, crisis management, public relations and media management, donor relations and general contract matters.

Bob served as a trustee, director, and legal advisor to charitable organizations, as an adjunct professor at The Phoenix Seminary, and is a member of The Alliance Defending Freedom Honor Corps helping to defend our First Amendment

Rights to freedom of religion. He served as a director and/or pro bono legal advisor to the boards of directors of Phoenix Seminary, Streetlight USA, Christian Education Legacy Fund, Scottsdale Christian Academy and the Arizona Private Education Scholarship Fund.

Bob has been recognized as one of The Best Lawyers in America by Best Lawyers, has an AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell and was named an Arizona Business Leader by AZ Big Media for his nonprofit practice



Bob can serve as a **point of first contact for legal help** in a wide range of practice areas including personal injury, nonprofit taxation, employment, and intellectual property matters.



WE PROVIDE PROMPT, COST EFFECTIVE LEGAL SERVICES IN:

- General legal services for charitable organizations
- Forming, amending, merging, consolidating and terminating charitable organizations
- Obtaining and managing 501(c) designations for charities
- Creating and updating organizational documents such as articles, bylaws, and operating agreements
- Organizing congregation and board meetings and preparing minutes
- Board governance training
- Developing best practices for the life cycle of board members, employees and volunteers as required by the Internal Revenue Service and Form 990
- Creating facilities use policies and procedures
- Developing workable practice and procedure manuals
- Designing and implementing multi-site legal structures for growing ministries
- Qualifying Arizona churches to receive Arizona Tax Credit funds
- Donor advisory services, planned giving programs and estate planning
- Labor, employee, benefit and compliance services
- Land use, zoning, entitlement and Religious Land Use & Institutionalized Persons Act matters
- Lobbying and legislative initiatives
- Issues facing faith-based schools
- Protecting your campus against hostile claims using *Campus Preservation Planning™*
- Reviewing contracts from vendors involved in campus expansion projects
- Long-term ground leases
- Policies, procedures, leases and contracts for preschools and charter schools
- Armed/unarmed Campus Security Policies

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Our Church & Ministry Law Group has the knowledge, ability and experience to help your ministry resolve local, state and federal government legal concerns.



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- for a free copy of Bob's book, Legal Realities: Silent Threats to Ministry,
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