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LEGAL SERVICES

Estate Planning
Nonprofit & Tax-Exempt Entities
Business & Corporate

EDUCATION

J.D., *cum laude*, Willamette University
College of Law, 1994

B.A., Reed College, 1990
Presidential Commendation for Academic
Excellence

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Oregon State Bar

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

The Best Lawyers in America

2022, Lawyer of the Year – Nonprofit/
Charities Law, Portland
2011-2022, Nonprofit/Charities Law
2013-2022, Trusts & Estates

Martindale-Hubbell

2012, Client Distinction Award

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association
Estate Planning Council of Portland
Multnomah Bar Association
National Committee on Planned Giving
Northwest Planned Giving Roundtable
Oregon Women Lawyers

Shouka is the Chair of the firm's Nonprofit Organizations Practice Group. She has served as outside counsel to both operating and non-operating private foundations, as well as public charities and other tax-exempt entities. She counsels nonprofits on all facets of their operations, governance, and compliance with the laws regulating the independent sector, from formation to dissolution.

She has advised nonprofit boards regarding their fiduciary duties, and has assisted with strategic planning to evaluate joint ventures, mergers, chapters, and other models for collaboration to expand mission.

Shouka has interfaced with in-house counsel and marketing staff at national and international corporations to assist with building employee relief funds and foundations that further corporate community involvement and align with charitable intent.

Shouka has experience working with educators and other community groups to establish charter schools in the Portland area. She has worked with clients to explain and meet state charter school legal requirements, submit charter school applications, and develop and implement the pre and post-operational steps necessary for opening a charter school.

Shouka also is a member of the firm's Estate Planning Practice Group. Her practice includes wealth planning to effectuate personal and financial goals, through the drafting and implementation of trusts, wills, and other planning documents, and the administration of both probate and non-probate estates. She also specializes in the preparation of specialty trusts including life insurance trusts, charitable remainder trusts, generation-skipping trusts, Crummey trusts, and title-holding trusts.

Shouka has served on the firm's hiring and diversity committees.

Presentations & Publications

Moderator, "How to Best Serve on a Nonprofit Board During a Pandemic," June 2020

"Ethical Considerations Related to Public Charities and Private Foundations," Oregon Community Foundation, September 2017

"Is it the Beginning of the End of the Estate Tax?" Estate & Charitable Planning, Portland Business Journal, March 2017

"Nonprofit Board Service," Professional Advisor's Forum, Oregon Jewish Community Foundation, January 2017

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & ACTIVITIES

Marathon Scholars

Former Chair
Founding Partner and Trustee

The Oregon Community Foundation

Metropolitan Portland Leadership
Council Member

Oregon State Bar

Nonprofit Law Section

Executive Committee Member

Keller Foundation

Board Member

Le Monde Immersion

Board President

Oregon Foundation for Reproductive Health Advisory Council

Former Council Member

Young Audiences of Oregon

Former Board Member

Reed College Alumni Board

Former Board Member

“Thought Leader Forum: The State of Oregon
Nonprofits,” Portland Business Journal, December
2016

“The Intersection of Nonprofits and School Law:
An Introduction to Public Charter and Basic School
Law,” Current Topics for Nonprofits, OSB Nonprofit
Law Section, September 2016

“New Online Form 1023-EZ Makes Applying for
Recognition of 501(c)(3) Tax-Exempt Status Easier,”
Oregon State Bar NOLS Newsletter, Fall 2014

“Navigating the Rules of Serving on Nonprofit
Boards,” Multnomah Bar Association, April 2014

“Writing Bylaws That Solve More Problems than
They Cause,” Nonprofit Law CLE: Tips from Pros
and Practitioners, Oregon State Bar Nonprofit
Organizations Law Section, March 2014

LANGUAGES

French

