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### Seminars & Events 2010 - 2013

3/18/2014 **CONSULTING DAY FOR NEW YORK CITY'S NONPROFIT COMMUNITY**

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Select **maximum two consultations (morning and/or afternoon)** in two focus areas and two **workshops** ([click here to see which session is still available](#))

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**TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014**

**8:30AM-4:00PM**

Baruch College, Newman Vertical Campus  
Newman Campus Conference Center, 14th Floor  
55 Lexington Avenue @ 24th Street

**COST: FREE**

**Space is limited – *Appointments are required to attend the event, they must be made in advance, and confirmed by CNSM staff.***

**MORNING WORKSHOP 10:30AM-12:00PM:**

**THE NONPROFIT REVITALIZATION ACT OF 2013: WHAT ORGANIZATIONS IN NEW YORK STATE NEED TO KNOW**

Laurence Scot, MBA, CPA, Co-Founder and Co-Managing Partner Skody Scot & Co. CPAs

**Description:** What are the implications of this new state law for board responsibility and for expediting nonprofit practices in New York?

**Outline of the workshop - [Click here](#)**

**AFTERNOON WORKSHOP 1:00PM-2:30PM:**

**HOW TO EVALUATE AND IMPROVE YOUR WEBSITE**

Peter Levinson, *President and Creative Director, LevinsonBlock LLC*

# ***Seminar on the major components of the Nonprofit Revitalization Act of 2013***

## **Outline**

### **Introduction**

- Brief introduction to the size of the Nonprofit (NP) community in New York
- Background/history of new Act
- Effective dates, impact and current developments

### **Summary of Nonprofit Revitalization Act of 2013**

- Important reforms in two major areas:
  1. Reducing unnecessary and outdated burdens on nonprofits
  2. Enhancing nonprofit governance and oversight to prevent fraud and improve public trust along with increasing the NP's Board's responsibility with regard to external, independent audits, executive compensation and interested/related party transactions

### **Select Details of Nonprofit Revitalization Act of 2013**

- Important reforms in two major areas:
  - I. Reducing unnecessary and outdated burdens on nonprofits by:
    - A. Streamlining/simplifying & defining important classifications & terminology
    - B. Raising thresholds for financial reporting (e.g. independent financial audit)
    - C. Allowing communications via electronic media
      - Board meetings & notices
      - Allowing Attorney General (AG) to accept filings & reports in electronic format
    - D. Reducing incorporation delays by allowing correction of minor errors
    - E. Simplifying corporate mergers & dissolutions & giving AG authority to approve transactions in lieu of court approval
    - F. Other changes
  - II. Enhancing nonprofit governance and oversight to prevent fraud and improve public trust along with increasing the NP's Board's responsibility with regard to external, independent audits, executive compensation and interested/related party transactions by:
    - A. Requiring Board's leadership to be independent
    - B. Requiring Boards (or Audit Committees) to be responsible for hiring independent auditor & reviewing with them their findings
    - C. Requiring Boards to be responsible for accessing/approving transactions between:
      - Organization & interested/related parties such as Directors, Officers, Key Employees & their relatives
      - Ensuring that all transactions are fair, reasonable and in the best interest of the NP
    - D. Increasing Boards responsibility for approval of certain transactions or activities
    - E. Requiring all NPs to adopt written conflict of interest policies & some NPs to adopt whistleblower policies
    - F. Granting AG additional powers to regulate, challenge & investigate NPs actions



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