

DAVID E. ORMSTEDT JOINS WIGGIN AND DANA'S TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS PRACTICE GROUP

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Wiggin and Dana announces that David E. Ormstedt, formerly Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Public Charities Unit of the Office of the Connecticut Attorney General, joins the firm's Tax-Exempt Organizations Practice Group. He is resident in the firm's Hartford office.

Mr. Ormstedt has over three decades of extensive experience counseling on and litigating complex matters involving public charities, private foundations, charitable trusts and charitable estates. He was cited by *The NonProfit Times* in 1998, 1999 and again in 2001 as one of the fifty most influential people in the country on nonprofit matters.

"David's broad experience and his national reputation as an expert on state and federal laws governing tax-exempt organizations make him an extremely valuable addition to the firm," said Melinda Agsten, Chair of the Tax-Exempt Organizations Practice Group. Wiggin and Dana represents numerous foundations, colleges and universities, charitable organizations and other non-profits.

Under Mr. Ormstedt's leadership, the Attorney General's Office gained a national reputation in cutting-edge matters involving the law of tax-exempt organizations. He was a founding member of the National Association of State Charity Officials, a nationwide association of state government regulatory officials, and served three terms as its President.

Partner Aaron Bayer worked with Mr. Ormstedt for years when Mr. Bayer served as Deputy Attorney General of Connecticut. He said, "David's breadth of knowledge, his practical experience dealing with the regulation of non-profits, and his excellent, seasoned judgment will be invaluable in advising boards and management of non-profit organizations of all types."

He served on numerous advisory committees for national rule makers, including the Internal Revenue Service Exempt Organizations Division, the Financial Accounting Standards Board and the national Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance. Mr. Ormstedt was one of the first recipients of the Marvin Award, given by the National Association of Attorneys General in recognition of his leadership, expertise and achievement in advancing the goals of that organization.

Mr. Ormstedt has testified numerous times before the Connecticut General Assembly and the United States Congress on legislation and issues affecting tax-exempt organizations. He was extensively involved in drafting the

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Connecticut Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act, the Connecticut law on the conversion of nonprofit hospitals, and other statutes regulating the conduct of charitable institutions.

Mr. Ormstedt is on the board of directors of the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance and is a member of the Policy Advisory Committee of The Patrick and Catherine Weldon Donaghue Medical Research Foundation, the Community Advisory Council of the Connecticut Health Foundation and the United Way of the Capital Area (Hartford) Board Training Institute.

Mr. Ormstedt graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1969 and received his J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law in 1973.

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