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Susan Staricka spent the majority of her legal career overseeing the charge of the Texas Office of the Attorney General to protect the public interest in charity, including nonprofit organizations and charitable trusts. As Chief and Senior Attorney with both the Consumer Protection Division and the Financial Litigation and Charitable Trusts Division of the Office, she served under four Texas Attorneys General and oversaw teams of investigators and assistant attorneys general. As part of her duties at the OAG, Susan lectured frequently at nonprofit conferences, training sessions for nonprofit associations and trusts, the LBJ School of Public Affairs and UT School of Law, amongst many others. She served on the Board of the National Association of State Charity Officials and was a frequent speaker at its annual conferences dedicated to education and training.

Susan owns Staricka Law PLLC, a consulting firm offering consultation and legal services to nonprofit organizations and their legal counsel in a variety of matters utilizing her skills and expertise to assist and guide nonprofit organizations. She is also an adjunct faculty member of the University of Texas School of Law, where she teaches a course on Nonprofit Law.

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Prior to joining Morgan Lewis, Chelsea was an attorney in the IRS Office of Associate Chief Counsel (Employee Benefits, Exempt Organizations, and Employment Taxes), where she drafted guidance on tax law issues affecting tax-exempt and governmental entities. She is a principal author of Notice 2019-09, Interim Guidance Under Section 4960, and proposed regulations under section 506.

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Topics

- How do regulators interact with charities?
- What do regulators focus on?
- How do federal and state regulators interact with each other?

Governance

How is governance regulated by the IRS and State AG?

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