

IMPACT INVESTING MASTERCLASS: DESIGNING AN IMPACT PROGRAM AND NEGOTIATING DEALS


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MASTERCLASS AGENDA:

1. Governance and Regulatory Context
 - a) Governance
 - b) UPMIFA
 - c) Tax considerations
2. Core Deal Structures
3. Specific Investment Considerations and Documentation
 - a) Fund Investments
 - b) Direct Investments
 - c) Co-Investments

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1. GOVERNANCE AND REGULATORY CONTEXT

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GOVERNANCE

- How does mission related investing fit into the institution's existing governance structure and policies?
 - Investment policy
 - Governing body committee structure and bylaws/regulations
 - Conflict of interest policy
- Mission related investing combines "mission" and "investing"
 - Investment of institutional funds raises fiduciary duty issues
 - Mission aspect raises program and purpose issues

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FIDUCIARY ISSUES

- UPMIFA standard of care
 - "Institutional fund" vs. "program-related asset"
 - Prudence standard: Manage and invest institutional funds "in good faith and with the care an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances"
- Prudence standard includes eight factors
 - One factor takes into account "an asset's special relationship or special value, if any, to the charitable purposes of the institution"
- Delegation
- Diversification
- Background state law fiduciary duties of loyalty also apply

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