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### Thursday, January 25

**Current Developments for Tax-Exempt Organizations**
- Treasury-IRS Priority Guidance Plan
- IRS EO Division FY 2018 Work Plan
- Pending and forthcoming regulation projects
- Notable rulings and cases

**Nonprofits and Tax Reform in the Age of Trump**
- Tax reform or just tax cuts?
- A cap on charitable giving?
- Can tax reform happen in light of prior legislative failures?
- What tax reform means for nonprofit organizations

**Public Charity vs. Private Foundation Status**
- Qualification as a public charity
- Special issues with foundation status
- Supporting organization types
- Conversion from one status to another

**Hot Topics in Nonprofit Governance**
- Current views and practices of good governance
- Board composition issues
- IRS use of private benefit doctrine in governance settings
- Governance headaches?
- Policies and procedures – what’s right for your organization?

**Unrelated Business Income Issues**
- Practical applications
- Net operating losses
- Profit motive
- Expense allocation
- UBI issues for private foundations

**Employee Benefits and Fringe Benefits for Nonprofits**
- Deferred compensation plans
- Wellness benefits and compliance pitfalls
- Impact of benefits on reasonableness of executive compensation
- Reporting of fringe benefits

**Private Inurement, Private Benefit, Intermediate Sanctions & Self-Dealing**
- Current IRS uses of doctrines
- Comparison of intermediate sanctions and self-dealing
- Private benefit wild card
- Common self-dealing and intermediate sanctions traps

### Friday, January 26

**Form 990 and Form 990-PF Reporting**
- Updates to Form 990 and Form 990-PF
- Common errors
- Reporting tips

**Fundraising - How to Get it Right**
- Fundraising as a charitable activity
- On-line fundraising/crowd funding
- Use of commercial co-ventures
- Charitable solicitation registration
- Charitable trust registration
- Attorney General notices
- Fundraising and unrelated business income issues

**Charitable Giving**
- Deductibility issues
- Special rules for gifts to private foundations
- Substantiation rules
- Qualified appraisers and appraisals
- Gifts of easements – special considerations
- Form 990, Schedule M reporting
- Current developments

**Joint Ventures, Subsidiaries and Investing by Tax-Exempt Entities**
- For-profit v. nonprofits entities
- Wholly-owned vs. multi-member entities
- Governance structures
- Operating agreement provisions
- Hybrid entities
- Mission-related investing
- Use of blocker entities
- Form 990, Schedule R reporting

**Grantmaking by Exempt Organizations**
- Permissible grantees
- Use of grant letters and agreements by private foundations and other donors
- Restricted and unrestricted grants
- Creative uses of donor-advised funds
- Fiscal sponsorship arrangements

**Current Issues Facing Nonprofit Organizations**
- Opioid crisis and the impact on healthcare institutions and healthcare professionals
- Nonprofit fraud problems and where they originate
- DACA students and public universities

### Case Studies

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**Social Hour**
Thursday evening hosted by Polsinelli
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Michael J. Engle
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Jonathan S. Blum
Counsel with Polsinelli PC

Jonathan Blum understands the nonprofit sector from a unique vantage point. He gained a wealth of experience while serving as the in-house general counsel for a major international charity and a private foundation. Through this in-depth knowledge, Mr. Blum assisted nonprofit leaders with managing their legal matters and building capacity for the future. He recognizes the importance of concentrating on the key issues affecting clients and moving quickly to identify practical legal options in order for clients to stay mission-focused and make informed decisions. Mr. Blum counsels his nonprofit clients on a broad array of legal issues affecting charities, foundations, trade and professional associations, advocacy groups and other nonprofit organizations. Mr. Blum also serves as an adjunct professor at the SMU Dedman School of Law. He received his B.A. and J.D. from the University of Texas at Austin, both with honors.

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