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Michael J. Cooney is a partner with the Firm, principally serving clients out of the Firm's offices in New York City and Rochester, New York.

Mr. Cooney concentrates on matters related to charitable, not-for-profit and educational organizations, their corporate governance, fundraising, state regulation and taxation. These clients range from small private colleges to large research universities, multi-national corporate giving programs to family foundations. Mr. Cooney is familiar with all aspects of practice in the area, including governing board practice, restricted fund management and investment, corporate and foundation giving, fundraising and planned giving, and joint ventures with tax-exempt and for-profit partners.

Mr. Cooney is also a frequent speaker and writer on topics of interest to non-profits and their supporters. Recent articles and presentations include those on the use of supporting organizations as effective fundraising tools, fiduciary obligations in a down investment market, and lobbying by tax-exempt organizations.

A member of the American and New York State Bar Associations and their committees relevant to tax-exempt and charitable entities, Mr. Cooney also is a member of the National Association of College and University Attorneys. He is a current member of the Legal Subcommittee of the Council on Foundations and a former member of the New York State Catholic Conference Public Policy Committee, appointed by Bishop Matthew Clark.

Mr. Cooney received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Virginia School of Law, and his B.A. from Hamilton College where he was a Senior Fellow of his class, majoring in Russian studies.

Mr. Cooney currently serves on a number of volunteer governing Boards, including the Rochester Area Community Foundation, United Way of Greater Rochester, and the World Childhood Foundation, founded by Her Majesty, Queen Silvia of Sweden.