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PLDW Attorney Benjamin L. Rackliffe Releases Advisory on a New IRS Application Process for Reinstatement of Tax-Exempt Status for Nonprofits

Providence, RI – June 10, 2014 – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC ([PLDW](#)) business attorney Benjamin L. Rackliffe released an advisory detailing the steps nonprofits can follow if their tax-exempt status has been revoked due to failing to file annual returns for three consecutive years. This informative essay, entitled [Automatic Revocation of Tax-Exempt Status: A New Streamlined Process for Retroactive Reinstatement](#), describes the application process, allowable timeframe to request reinstatement, the required documentation and more.

"Maintaining tax-exempt status is so important for 501(c)(3) organizations, especially for purposes of fundraising," said Attorney Rackliffe. "IRS rules can be complex and burdensome. This advisory will help organizations consider what they need to do to regain their tax-exempt status should they find themselves in the unfortunate predicament of having lost their exempt status."

Attorney Rackliffe is a member of PLDW's Corporate & Business, Nonprofit Organizations and Litigation Teams. He concentrates his practice in the areas of closely held business, tax-exempt organizations, general civil litigation and real estate. In 2013, Attorney Rackliffe was named a Rhode Island Rising Star by Thomson Reuters, a distinction that recognizes the top 2.5 percent of Rhode Island lawyers under the age of 40 or those in practice for 10 years or less.

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