

Charitable Gaming

As the foremost firm practicing charitable gaming in Ohio, our lawyers help veterans, fraternal orders, religious institutions and many other types of organizations conduct activities that include licensed forms of charitable gaming (like bingo), as well as those that do not require a license (like raffles or gaming festivals).

We also represent both individuals and entities under license investigations by the Ohio Attorney General's Charitable Law Section, an agency arm formerly led by Michael E. Zatezalo, chair of our firm's gaming practice. Our firm is widely recognized for charitable gaming experience and has advised clients in several important initiatives. Most notably, our lawyers assisted The Buckeye Ranch, an Ohio nonprofit, run the first and only compliant online raffle in the state. This included drafting special terms and conditions specific to internet use and advising on particular PayPal restrictions that could have compromised the raffle.

Our Services

- + **Bingo license applications:** obtaining, completing, submitting, and renewing licenses
- + **Defense proceedings:** denied or revoked licenses
- + **Unlicensed gaming counsel:** compliance for eligible organizations wishing to run raffles or poker festivals without a license
- + **Charitable Solicitation Act / Ohio Charitable Trust Act counsel:** compliance when charitable funds reach a threshold amount

Our Clients

Our charitable gaming clients include nonprofit, veteran, fraternal and religious organizations located throughout the state of Ohio. We have proudly offered representation to clients ranging from high school athletic booster clubs to a charities focused on supporting victims of violent crime. Our clients are:

- + **Nonprofits:** specifically with respect to a recently amended law that expanded eligibility to any 501(c)(3) in existence for at least 2 years
- + **Veteran/fraternal/religious groups:** including social clubs permitted to operate licensed bingo or unlicensed raffles and festivals as a fundraiser to support the organization's central purpose

Contact Us

For more information on our charitable gaming services, please contact Michael E. Zatezalo. You can also visit OhioGamingLaw.com, our free resource for Ohio gaming law updates and insight.

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