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questions and work plans at the end of most chapters), this book can be read by just about anyone who is involved or may wish to be involved in such organizations. The writing style is easy to understand; the author clearly explains her ideas in simple language. The book has a companion website where additional information can be found. Ms. Rosenthal has both good counsel and common sense in abundance. This book should be in the offices of every non-profit organization in the world. I dare you to put it down once you start reading it! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Indispensable resource for non-profits to understand and address their legal needs! Highly recommended. By James Schmeling Important and useful book on legal counsel needs of non-profits, and more important, how to meet those needs. Well written, by a clear subject matter expert. I've listened to Lesley Rosenthal speak on the topic as well, which she does very well, and from an informed perspective. The law students who were listening were enthralled by the opportunities presented by this area of practice being far more expansive than they had imagined. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Good Counsel - Meeting the Needs of not for profits By karen kolodny Lesley Rosenthal's book "Good Counsel" is a "must-have" for anyone interested in becoming knowledgeable about the many aspects of running a not-for-profit. Whether you are an Executive Director of a small organization that cannot afford full time legal counsel, or a young lawyer wanting to do pro-bono work for a not-for-profit but not sure what the areas of law might be, this book covers every area of law that not-for-profits address. The book is clear and concise. Each chapter has a "Work Plan" so that the reader can obtain immediate assistance in implementing what they learned in the book. I highly recommend the book and the companion website to everyone wanting to get a grasp of the complexities of running not-for-profits. "Good Counsel" will be the treatise for not-for-profit law for many years to come!!

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