

**The National Conference of Bar Foundations (NCBF)**  
***Guiding Principles***  
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By offering an effective means for the legal community to come together to engage in law related charity and philanthropy, bar foundations strengthen the profession by providing lawyers the opportunity to give back in a way that is uniquely important and rewarding for them as lawyers.

Just as bar associations bring lawyers together to focus on issues that are common to the profession, bar foundations complement those efforts by giving the legal community an effective means to focus on charitable initiatives that lawyers are uniquely positioned to take a leadership role in addressing.

With appropriate regard for the corporate and tax laws governing the relationship, bar foundations should work in close partnership with their associated bar associations to improve the profession, the justice system and the community.

By coming together through NCBF, bar foundations of all sizes and types-along with other individuals and entities committed to NCBF's mission-can significantly enhance their ability to successfully carry out their own missions while at the same time strengthening and growing the overall field of law related charity and philanthropy.