

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (hereinafter referred to as the “Agreement”) is made and entered into by and between The Florida Bar–Business Law Section (hereinafter referred to as “BLS”) and the Institute for Nonprofit Innovation and Excellence (hereinafter referred to as “INIE”).

Whereas, the Parties Agree:

- 1) **A critical need** exists to help educate, advocate, and engage nonprofit professionals throughout Florida;
- 2) **BLS** is seeking to streamline opportunities for its members to assist and provide pro bono advising on legal issues nonprofits face;
- 3) **The mission** of the Parties coincides with INIE’s interest in enhancing the capacity and leadership of the nonprofit industry through advocacy, education, and engagement and to provide area nonprofit professionals with leadership and support;
- 4) **As a resource provider**, INIE provides education and networking services and have a mutual interest in improving the opportunities for community-based nonprofit organizations;
- 5) **The parties** have a mutually beneficial working relationship and desire to continue working together to solve problems of mutual interest;

- 6) **The collaboration between** the parties will expand the opportunities for nonprofit organizations both in terms of the resources available and the geographical proximities served.
- 7) **The collaboration between** the parties will benefit both Parties and the corresponding community nonprofits.

Therefore, it is mutually agreed between the Parties:

- 1) **Collaboration.** The Parties will enter into a collaborative effort to provide pro bono legal advising opportunities to requesting nonprofit organizations and professionals.
- 2) **Roles.** INIE and BLS will be mutual partners in the collaboration and both entities will embody this partnership. INIE will provide leadership and support by providing the administrative capacities and liaising for a Nonprofit Pro Bono Legal Clinic. BLS will provide support for the mission of the INIE's Pro Bono Clinic by way of promotion of pro bono opportunities and encouraging Business Law Section members to take a nonprofit client case (either in person, via phone or video-conference). Together with other community stakeholders, BLS and INIE will work to enhance the capacity of deserving nonprofits.
- 3) **Termination.** In the unlikely event that BLS or INIE believe that the collaboration of the Parties is no longer of mutual benefit, this Agreement may be terminated by either Party by advising the other Party in writing, and
- 4) **Amendment.** This Agreement may be amended at any time with the written approval of both Parties.

In witness thereof, the Parties have executed this Agreement as of the date last below written:

By:

The Florida Bar - BLS

Date

By:

INIE DESIGNEE

Date