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Mike Batts is the managing partner of BMWL. Mike has more than 30 years of experience serving nonprofit organizations in a variety of ways. He advises nonprofit organizations on matters related to board governance, financial reporting, tax compliance and strategy, risk management, corporate structure, international activities, and related topics.

Dan Busby is the president of ECFA, an organization that accredits Christ-centered ministries in the areas of governance, financial management and stewardship/fundraising. ECFA's seal enhances trust of givers, which increases generosity, providing greater resources to help fulfill the Great Commission. ECFA accredits over 2,200 churches and nonprofits. These organizations have annual revenue in excess of \$26 billion.

Vonna Laue serves as an executive vice president at ECFA. Before coming to ECFA, Vonna spent 20 years, most recently as a managing partner, with a national public accounting firm specializing in service to Christian ministries in the areas of audit and consulting. There she served in organizational leadership as well as providing services to meet clients' various needs.

Michael Martin is ECFA's vice president of church relations. He enjoys helping churches and ministries maintain high standards of financial integrity through ECFA membership. Michael also uses his training as an attorney and CPA to contribute to ECFA's many practical educational resources, including books, webinars, videos, podcasts, and more.

Kaylyn Varnum is a senior manager of tax services for BMWL. Kaylyn's primary responsibilities include performing research and analysis related to technical tax issues at the federal, state, and local levels; providing tax advisory services related to exempt organization corporate structure planning; obtaining and maintaining federal, state, and local tax exemptions; and evaluating exempt organizations' tax compliance.

John Van Drunen is ECFA's executive vice president and general counsel with a bachelor of arts in accounting, magna cum laude, from Anderson University and a juris doctor from Regent University School of Law. His responsibilities at ECFA primarily relate to managing the compliance program and writing and speaking on technical nonprofit issues.

Michele Wales is a partner and the national director of tax services for BMWL. She has supervisory responsibility for the firm's tax practice, with expertise in federal, state, and local tax issues affecting nonprofit organizations and their affiliates. Michele has more than 20 years of experience in public accounting and has also served as chief financial officer for a large nonprofit social services agency and controller for an airplane manufacturing company.