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Erik Dryburgh is a principal in the law firm of Adler & Colvin, a law firm specializing in representing nonprofit organizations and their donors. He has an undergraduate business degree from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, and earned his J.D. at the University of California at Berkeley, Boalt Hall. He is also a Certified Public Accountant (inactive).

Erik’s areas of expertise include charitable gift planning, not-for-profit organizations, donor-advised funds, and endowments. Erik works with donors, charities, and other interested parties such as banks and trust companies. Erik assists charities with establishing their planned giving programs, as well as offering advice regarding specific gift proposals, optimal gift structures, and gift administration. Erik works with donors to structure gifts which meet their charitable, financial, tax, and family goals, including private foundations, charitable remainder trusts, and charitable lead trusts. He has extensive experience with the intricate tax issues raised by creative donors and charities. Erik also advises a number of substantial private foundations, supporting organizations, and donor-advised funds on grantmaking and other operational issues.

Erik has authored the chapter “Charitable Remainder Trusts,” in *California Estate Planning*, Continuing Education of the Bar (2002) and co-authored chapters in the Matthew Bender California Wills and Trust series and *The Nonprofit Handbook: Fund Raising by Wiley & Sons*. He has published “Stock Options & Charitable Giving: Do They Mix?” in the *Journal of Gift Planning*, (2nd Quarter 2000), “The Overselling of Charitable Reverse Split-Dollar Insurance,” in the *Journal of Taxation of Exempt Organizations* (July/August 1998), and coauthored “The Lemonade Solution: Using the Charitable Grantor Lead Trust to Turn Underwater Stock into Something Sweet,” in the *Journal of Gift Planning*, (4th Quarter 2004) and “The Charitable Inheritance Teaches Children About Philanthropy,” in *Estate Planning* (December 1998).

Erik is a frequent speaker in the charitable giving area. Erik is the immediate past Chair of the Charitable Planning and Exempt Organizations Committee of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), and a member of the American Bar Association’s Real Property, Trust and Estate Section. He is a past Board member of the Partnership for Philanthropic Planning (formerly NCPG), the San Francisco Estate Planning Council, and the Northern California Planned Giving Council. Erik received the 2005 Phil Hoffmire Service Award from the Northern California Planned Giving Council.