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It is with a heavy heart that we relay the news to you that Bruce Richard Hopkins, JD, LLM, SJD, passed away on October 31, 2021. Bruce's love for the law and for writing resulted in a wonderful relationship with Wiley that lasted for better than 30 years. Throughout that time, Bruce penned more than 50 books as well as writing *Bruce R. Hopkins' Nonprofit Counsel* (a newsletter published monthly for 40 years). Bruce's texts are practical guides about nonprofits written for both lawyers *and* laypeople, many of which are considered vital to law libraries across the country. The ideas just kept flowing.

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Bruce will be dearly missed, not solely for his contributions to the Wiley catalog, but because he was a wonderful person who was loved and respected both by all of us at Wiley and by all those he encountered.

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