



Chambers of Commerce - Non Profit Package

Claim Examples

- ▶ **Businessowners Package:** A chamber of commerce was holding their monthly membership meeting at a local hall. One of the attendees tripped on an extension cord the chamber was using for a presentation and broke his leg. He then filed a suit against the chamber to cover his medical expenses for his slip and fall.

A few vandals threw rocks and broke the door and window glass to a local chamber of commerce as well as other buildings in the area. The chamber was forced to purchase wood to board up the open spaces and later replace the broken glass.

- ▶ **Non Profit Directors & Officers:** A local chamber of commerce published a quarterly newsletter. The newsletter included a tourism section that promoted places of interest, attractions, restaurants, etc. A new restaurant had recently approached the chamber with a request to advertise in the upcoming issue. The chamber agreed and accepted a minimal advertising fee from the restaurant. Upon release of the next issue, it was discovered that the Executive Director never expedited the restaurant request and actually kept the money. The restaurant in turn sued the chamber for breach of fiduciary duty, breach of contract and interference with economic interests.

- ▶ **Employment Practices Liability:** A chamber of commerce advertised an open position for a secretary. The organization received seven applications. Only one applicant was a male, who was 57. He was not interviewed. He alleged he was not interviewed because of his gender and age, and subsequently filed suit against the organization for discrimination.

- ▶ **Special Events:** A local chamber of commerce held a one-day concert to raise funds at the home of one of its members. The event was large and included a bandstand. While the trucks carrying the equipment were leaving that night, the inclement weather caused the truck to leave large imprints and divots on the neighbor's lawn. The neighbor then filed suit against the chamber for lawn damages caused by the trucks.