

**FIXING AMERICA'S
EMBEZZLEMENT LAWS: A MUCH-
NEEDED HEMOSTASIS FOR
CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS**

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This article seeks to examine the continuing trend of embezzlement from charitable organizations and nonprofits. The second section will discuss the history of the crime of embezzlement, paying attention to the common law background and evolution to its current status. The third section will examine the white-collar crime landscape, particularly paying attention to the world post-Sarbanes-Oxley, suggesting that, while Sarbanes-Oxley may have been created for the benefit of shareholders in for-profit organizations, not much has changed in terms of embezzlement and fraud from nonprofits. The fourth section will suggest sentencing enhancements and other remedial measures that states can take to help turn the tide for weary nonprofits reeling from scandal after scandal.