

Business Formations

Business Formation Lawyers

If you are forming a business, whether for profit or not-for-profit, considering what type of entity to use, our corporate team can guide you through the process of choosing an appropriate organizational structure and implementing it. Our attorneys have extensive experience in organizing businesses of all forms, including: corporations (C-corp. or S-corp.), limited liability companies, limited partnerships, limited liability partnerships and various other business arrangements.

Our team will help you through the entire process of business formation, preparing the relevant documents, including:

- Articles or Certificate of Incorporation
- Bylaws
- Operating Agreements
- Partnership Agreements
- Stock Certificates
- Minutes or written consents of stockholders
- Minutes or written consents of directors
- EIN Applications

that you need in order to get your business up and running. With these in place, you can open your bank accounts and start conducting business.

This [chart](#) has been prepared as an aid for choosing between several common corporate entity structures.

Contact Our Law Firm

For further information about our corporate and securities experience, please [contact our law firm](#) on Long Island at [516-328-2300](#), in Brooklyn at [718-215-5300](#), White Plains at [914-607-7010](#), Rochester at [585-218-9999](#) or Albany at [518-535-9477](#) to schedule an initial consultation.

FAQS

Do I need to comply with securities laws when I am raising a small amount of money to start a business?

Yes. If all of the investment capital is coming from persons who will be actively working in the business as directors or officers, then the requirements will be minimal. However, if **any** capital is raised from persons who will not be actively involved in the business as a director or officer, whether such capital is in the form of equity or debt, you will be required to comply with the federal and state securities laws in connection with raising such capital.

Can I accept an investor's payment and follow up later on with the legal documents?

No. The legal documents will contain provisions which assure the recipient of the funds that the investment is legal. In the absence of that, accepting the funds may result in the company having conducted an illegal offering. There also can be state and federal filing requirements triggered by accepting the funds.