



## Entity Selection, Organization & Planning

Selecting a business entity is one of the most important decisions when forming a company. Foster Swift attorneys have the experience to help clients select the business entity that aligns with their business model, while considering taxation, liability risks, management structure and operational efficiency.

Clients come to Foster Swift for assistance with the formation of:

- sole proprietorships
- general partnerships
- limited partnerships
- limited liability partnerships
- limited liability companies
- C corporations
- S corporations
- professional corporations
- non-profit corporations
- joint ventures

Foster Swift business formation attorneys assist with:

- Drafting start-up documentation
- Complying with state laws
- Ownership structure
- Establishing corporate records
- Employment contracts
- Zoning compliance
- Real estate transactions and commercial leases
- Taxation
- Employee Benefits
- Intellectual property
- Operating agreements
- Shareholder agreements
- Corporate bylaws

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