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Your Library's New Innovative Legal Platform For Business Owners

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How to Use Legal GPS

Step 1: Answer Questions

To help provide the most customized experience, businesses will start by answering a few questions to help the platform learn what legal guidance is optimal for them.

Level 1

Welcome! Just a few questions to determine the best starting point for your business.

First, have you formed an [entity](#) (commonly [LLC](#), [Corporation](#), or [Nonprofit](#)) yet for your business?

A Yes

B No

C No, but I'm 100% sure I only want to be a sole proprietorship.

To form an [entity](#) means that you set up a formal entity and file an official document with a state. Typically for [LLCs](#) this is called either an [Articles of Organization](#) or Certificate of Formation. For [corporations](#) and [nonprofits](#), it's called an [Articles of Incorporation](#) or Certificate of Incorporation.

[Sole proprietorships](#) simply mean that you start a business and haven't formed any entity. For some businesses, it doesn't make sense to form an entity and being a sole proprietorship is enough to accomplish the owner's goals.



Step 2: Complete Directions

Next, we'll provide you step-by-step directions to learn what legal issues apply and how to complete them on your own.

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Pick the Best State to Form Your LLC

Completion Time: 10 minutes
Potential Savings: \$10,000+

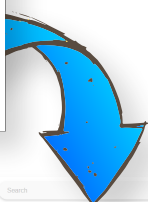
You have to pick one state initially to file your LLC formation documents in. This is your organizing state.

Picking the right state can save you hundreds or even thousands of dollars over the long run. And it can save you a lot of extra headaches and help you avoid having to file extra paperwork.

Most LLCs save money by choosing their home state as their organizing state. But not always. Click the link below and we'll help you figure out what makes the most sense for your LLC.

Take Action:

- [Find Out Which State Makes the Most Sense for Your LLC](#)



Step 3: Finish Three Levels

Repeat Steps 1 & 2 for each of the three levels to unlock the whole app and your legal vault.

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Level 3

In this Level we cover more advanced post-formation legal questions and then help you determine if your business owns any real-estate property.

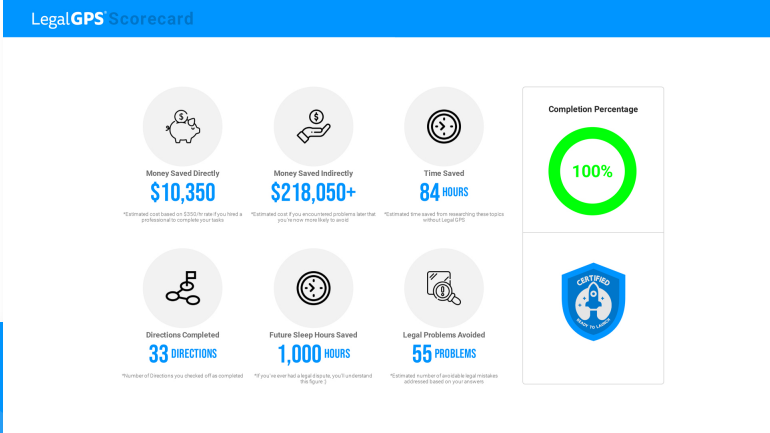
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Level 2

Step 4: Receive Legal Report

Once you check off all your directions, we'll email you a personalized Legal Status Report containing your legal scorecard and an actionable guide for legal tips in the future.



LegalGPS Cheatsheet Part I

Your Legal Entity:

LLC

- You chose an LLC for your entity.
- Check to make sure you've completed your legal essentials, including that you've:
- Confirmed you filed your LLC in the right state;
 - Filed your Articles of Organization (a/k/a Certificate of Formation) with one state;
 - Determined your registered agent;
 - Ensured your company's name doesn't violate another trademark;
 - Determined if your LLC will be member- or manager-managed;
 - Prepared your LLC's Operating Agreement (if applicable); and
 - Filed any tax elections (necessary only if you elected to be taxed as an S Corporation or C Corporation).

You also may have filed for an EIN or filed an initial report (required in some but not all states).

LegalGPS Cheatsheet Part I

Action Item	Now	Future
Foreign Registration	If you "do business" in other states, you need to file for foreign registration in those states. Check out our platform to learn if this applies to you.	If you are doing business in other states, you'll likely need to register and renew your license every 1-2 years.
Terms of Use	Since you have a website, you should have at least terms of use on it. Many website builders like Shopify have great templates, but if your site is complex, you might need to hire an attorney to draft a custom terms of use.	Terms of use should evolve with your business. If your business grows or adopts a new strategy, you'll want to revisit your terms to ensure they're updated.
Organizing State	You selected one state in which to form your LLC. This is your organizing state - its where you filed your Articles of Organization (a/k/a Certification of Formation).	Make sure you file any annual reports your state may require (not all states require this).
Privacy Policy	If you collect any user information, including information from Google Analytics, you need a privacy policy that tells the user what you'll do with their information, if anything.	Privacy policies evolve. They change based on your customer, your product or service, your content, and new laws (e.g. GDPR). When your company changes or the laws change, you'll need to update your privacy policy.
Insurance	You want to "ensure" you have in you from the unexpected. A good of thumb is that you should have problem that, if it occurred witho would kill or severely hurt your b. Speaking to an insurance agent i to find out what you need.	

