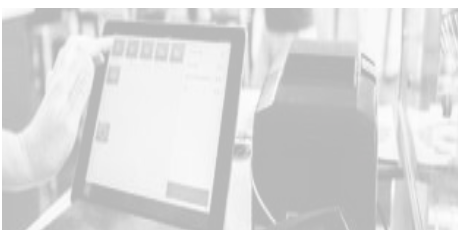


IMPORTANCE OF AN ATTORNEY

A common mistake which inevitably turns out to be costly to the new businessperson is the idea that legal fees can be saved by setting up the business organization without the help of an attorney. This is a fatal assumption. The lesser legal fees at the beginning can prevent much greater fees later on to unravel tangles that only an experienced attorney can foresee. Therefore, anticipate and budget for legal expenses.

Selecting an attorney to represent your business is an important part of starting your business and should be carefully addressed. Your attorney should understand your business and your plans; and he/she should be willing to work with you throughout the life of your business. Take your time in choosing your attorney and don't be afraid to shop around until you find one that you feel comfortable with.

Once your business is organized and off the ground, your need for an attorney has by no means ended. In everyday business activities, many problems and situations of legal nature will pop up. It is essential that you have an attorney of your own to help you deal with problems. Legal needs most often associated with a small business include: acquiring property, borrowing money, tax planning, employer-employee relationships, litigation, credit problems and disposing of the business or assets.



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