

# So you want to start a business?



## Starting and running a business is equal parts *exciting* and *overwhelming*.

The fact is that many situations can arise during the course of running a business that require, or would benefit from some legal advice.

- Writing a business plan
  - Choosing the form of legal entity
  - Securing capital and funding
  - Applying for tax IDs, permits, and licenses
  - Registering your business with the government
  - Setting up an accounting and payroll system
  - Hiring employees and negotiating contracts
  - Picking a location
  - Buying or leasing space
  - Filing forms with the IRS
  - Securing copyrights and trademarks
  - Opening a business bank account
- And much more...*



### Long-term success is well within reach

Be proactive! Make sure your business is thriving in the years to come by seeking resources and guidance to ensure a prosperous, long-standing business. These resources may include the Florida Chamber of Commerce, your local chamber, the Florida Small Business Development Center, and [FloridaLawyersCanHelp.com](http://FloridaLawyersCanHelp.com) for resources for your legal needs.



### Florida's legal community is prepared to help you...

handle the legal moments that can affect the success of your businesses, employees, and livelihood. Visit [FloridaLawyersCanHelp.com](http://FloridaLawyersCanHelp.com) to assist you in navigating successfully opening and running your business.



### The foundation of your business is important

Laying the right legal groundwork can set you up for a strong future – and that includes understanding tax law, drafting and managing contracts, choosing a proper business structure, leasing or buying space, and protecting intellectual property. But you don't have to go it alone.



### Did you know?

According to the Small Business Administration, only half of businesses that opened in 2020 will still be open in 2025 – and only one-third will exist in 2030. For Florida small businesses, the Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a five-year success rate of 50.2%. So you need to use every tool possible to ensure your business is one of the successes.