

Entity Formation, Negotiation and Legal Basics

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5:00 - 7:00 pm

Suffolk University Law School
120 Tremont Street, Room 170 (Multi-Function Room), Boston

Are you wondering what legal entity you should choose for your new business—sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability company, corporation or something else?

When it comes to selecting the right legal entity for your company, there are many options. No one particular form is better than another, but there is a better choice based on how you envision operating the business. The operating entity you choose will determine your legal obligations, financial rights, liability for business debts, and tax liability.

This workshop will provide an overview of the most common types of operating entities. We also cover some guidelines and considerations to help you choose the best legal structure for your company. Finally, we will discuss negotiating points for those looking to secure venture and angel financing or to provide equity stakes in the company in exchange for services rendered or capital invested.

Speakers:

Lolita Darden is a registered Patent Attorney and Clinical Professor of Law at Suffolk University Law School. Lolita teaches in the area of intellectual property law (patent, trademark, copyright, and trade secret). She is the Director of Suffolk's Intellectual Property & Entrepreneurship Clinic, a multi-disciplinary clinic serving new and emerging businesses. Prior to joining Suffolk, Lolita was Chief IP Counsel for Honeywell Consumer Products. She was also a partner with Sachnoff & Weaver where she counseled emerging technology businesses, Fortune 100® companies, and individuals on protecting, exploiting and creating rights in patents, trademarks, and copyrights as well as choosing an operating entity structure based on business goals.

William (Will) J. Bernat is a partner with Nutter McClennen & Fish. He co-chairs the firm's Emerging Companies Group and co-leads the firm's Food and Beverage group. Clients routinely rely on Will to help them navigate through private equity, venture capital, and angel financing transactions, as well as mergers and acquisitions, commercial lending transactions, and other corporate governance issues. Tech, life sciences, consumer/retail, and food & beverage companies look to Will for assistance throughout their entire lifespans, from initial planning and formation to operations and exit.

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