

LEGAL SERVICES FOR BUSINESSES



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Small business owners seeking legal assistance with the following issues have several choices when it comes to engaging a lawyer.

-  **Real Estate** Drafting and reviewing leases, loan documentation, sales contracts, property acquisition and development.
-  **Employment** Mitigating risk in hiring and terminating employees, administering benefits, and managing workplace conduct and performance.
-  **Corporate Entity** Structuring and preparing documentation for business model, corporations, LLCs, partnership agreements, buy-sell agreements, joint ventures, etc.
-  **Intellectual Property** Protecting and licensing interests in logos, products, names, ideas, etc.

- Low-to-moderate income entrepreneurs who do not have the funds to hire an attorney can access free legal assistance from The Law Project (TLP) of the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. The Law Project charges a **\$35 application fee** but all the **attorney time is free**.
 - To obtain legal assistance from The Law Project, a small business should call **312.939.3638** and speak to TLP's Small Business Project attorney, email us at **tlp@thelawproject.org** or visit us on Wednesdays at the Small Business Solution Station on the 8th floor of City Hall or visit our website, **http://www.thelawproject.org/apply/sbp-application-2015-2/** to download an application for legal assistance.
 - If an entrepreneur is not eligible for assistance from The Law Project, it might contact the **Justice Entrepreneurship Project** at **www.jepchicago.org**, or **312.546-3282**.
 - If an entrepreneur has funds, it may contact the **Chicago Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service** to get the names of lawyers and should feel free to request a free initial consultation with the attorney.
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- The **Chicago - Kent Patent Hub** will help facilitate the placement of qualified, under-resourced inventors with the pro-bono legal assistance of a licensed patent attorney. For more information, inventors should call **312-906-5379** or e-mail **patenthub@kentlaw.iit.edu** or visit **565 W. Adams St., Room 544**.