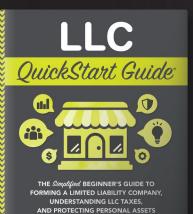
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I. INITIAL STEPS

1. Create Business Plan (Chapter 1)

- a. While highly recommended, this step is not required.
- 2. Select LLC Name & Verify Availability (Chapter 3)
 a. Select Desired State of Organization (Chapter 3)
- 3. Select Registered Agent (Chapters 3 & 5)
- 4. Most likely yourself unless LLC to be formed outside your home state
- 5. Prepare Operating Agreement (Chapter 6)
- 6. Verify Preferred Taxation & Management Method (Chapters 7 & 8)

II. FORMATION & MINIMUM REQUIRED TASKS

- 1. File Articles of Organization with Secretary of State or equivalent (Chapter 5)
- 2. Register Foreign LLC with your home statea. Only necessary if LLC to be formed outside your home state
- Apply to IRS for an Employer Identification Number (EIN)
 a. Can only be done after LLC is successfully formed
- 4. Complete & File Form 8832 with the IRS (Chapter 7)
- 5. Complete Operating Agreement (Chapter 6)
- 6. Set Up Bank Account

III. ONGOING MAINTENANCE

- 1. File Annual Federal & State Tax Returns and Pay Taxes (Chapter 9)
- 2. Complete Annual Report for Secretary of State & Pay Filing Fee (Chapter 9)
- **3. Pay Any Other Applicable Taxes** (Chapter 9)
 a. Depending on your business, could include Sales Tax among others
- 4. Remit Payroll Taxes & Issue W-2s for Any Employees (Chapter 9)
- 5. Hold Annual or Quarterly Meetings, if applicable (Chapters 6 & 9)